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Murder site home sale going through

THE site where a businessman murdered his family and killed himself in 2008 is close to being sold

The 16-acre site of the former Osbaston House in Maesbrook, near Oswestry, will be replaced by a new six-bedroom house.

It marks a new chapter for a site that was the scene of one of the most shocking crimes ever seen in Shropshire.

Christopher Foster shot dead his wife Jill and their teenage daughter Kirstie as well as the family pets before setting the family home on fire. He killed himself and his body was found in the remains of the house.

Renamed as Waterside House, the site was originally on the market with a guide price of £600,000, but after a lack of interest it was dropped to £420,000.

Estate agents Strutt & Parker confirmed this week that the sale was going through.

A spokeswoman for the estate agent said: "The property has been under offer for some time but we're now in a position to be able to officially mark it up."

Helena Tibbitts, an associate with joint selling agents Fisher German, said: "We've had an offer on the table for some time and we're now going through the legal process."

Study warns of risks from A&E closure

REMOVING accident and emergency services from Shrewsbury will put lives at risk, a health study has warned.

The Mid Wales Health Study, compiled by Welshpool Town Council and the North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum, said the A&E must remain at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital until there is proper provision put in place for patients over the border in Powys.

The report warns that if the A&E department is moved to Telford it could result in the loss of the lives.

It says: "It is recommended that the A&E and support services are retained at Shrewsbury."

RSPCA man rescues injured swan from canal

The injured swan

A FEMALE swan has been rescued by the RSPCA after it was found badly injured by fishing litter on the Shropshire Union Canal.

The bird was discovered near North Road, Llanymynech, with a fishing lure stuck in her bottom eyelid and with fishing line coming out of her mouth.

RSPCA inspector Christopher Dunbar rescued the swan on Saturday after several attempts to reach the injured bird. The swan has now been transported to a local wildlife hospital for treatment.

Inspector Dunbar said: "Another inspector had tried to catch the swan on Thursday and Friday but could not get her off the canal. I got lucky on Saturday and managed to get her.

Danger

"The poor swan had a fishing lure lodged in her bottom eyelid and had fishing line coming out of her mouth as well. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can reunite her with her mate.

"This just goes to highlight the danger posed to wildlife by discarded fishing litter."

Every year fishing litter – including hooks, weights and line – causes injury and death to thousands of wild animals.

Swans are one of the more commonly admitted wild bird species in RSPCA wildlife centres, with large numbers being admitted as a result of fishing litter. Line can wrap around necks causing deep wounds in flesh and cutting off the blood supply, hooks can pierce beaks or become embedded in skin, and weights can be swallowed causing internal injuries and blockages," Inspector Dunbar said.

To try to reduce the numbers of injuries, the RSPCA asks fishers to take unwanted fishing line home and cut it into pieces before putting in the bin.

COUNCIL'S BUDGET SLASHED BY £70m

CASH-STRAPPED Powys County Council has revealed it needs to increase savings to £70million by 2020 - another £15million - which it says will change the face of public services for ever.

by Andrew Morris

The council said it has already undergone "unprecedented" changes in the past year after targeting a £40 million saving by 2017.

But now Councillor Barry Thomas, council leader, has revealed a further £15million will need to be saved during 2015/16, meaning £70 million will need to be slashed from the budget by 2020.

It has already planned to cut £20million by the end of the current financial year.

A series of consultation events will now be held across the county to discuss what services could be affected.

Change

Councillor Thomas said: "We have already undergone a period of unprecedented change as a result of the financial pressures experienced by local government in recent years.

"That pressure is likely to continue until the end of the decade as the national deficit programme continues.

"As a result the county council will need to find further savings of £15m in 2015/16 and including those being delivered this year the savings requirement is £70m by 2020.

"The challenge facing us is daunting and cannot be faced by the county council acting alone.

"The face of public service delivery is changing forever. Some services, both discretionary and statutory, will have to be delivered differently, traditional service delivery methods are gone forever.

"Strong communities with active organisations will play a key role in retaining and delivering services for local people across the county or run the risk of services disappearing altogether.

"But to ensure that the services communities want to retain are preserved we have to work with them and make sure they understand the challenges we face and the limited resources available."

One of the events will be held at The Flash Leisure Centre, in Welshpool on September 26. To attend call (01597) 826160.

Marathon girl sets new world record

Amy Hughes with supporterJordan Mitton in Newcastle

A RUNNER has set a new world record in her back-to-back marathon challenge.

Amy Hughes, 26, of West Felton near Oswestry, has set out to run 53 marathons in 53 days - a total of 1,400 miles.

If she completes all 53 she will be the overall record holder for consecutive marathon running.

And now with 16, 26.2 mile runs under her belt by Wednesday, Amy has already broken the record for the most consecutive marathons run by a female.

She began her challenge in Chester and has since pounded the streets of Liverpool, Preston, Lancaster, Carlisle, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham, York, Hull, Wakefield and Leeds.

Already Amy has had to deal with blisters and has taped up her leg for some of her marathons.

But she says that despite the problems she is continuing on her journey around Britain's cities.

The sports therapist's challenge has attracted interest from none other than Olympic gold medallist, Dame Kelly Holmes, who tweeted Amy's internet post about her 12th marathon equalling the record for women.

Amy said there have been highlights and low points already, with blisters difficult to deal with.

"It was great to join the York Park Run at the start of my marathon there and I have visited some lovely cities. I have had wonderful support from Jordan Mitton who has been able to join me on several days, cycling alongside me and encouraging me.

"The aim of this project is to raise awareness and encourage people - especially the youths of today- to become more active and live a more healthy lifestyle. I intend to promote and inspire healthy living to as many people as possible!"

Councillor standing down for Trust role

A TOWN councillor has stood down from his position to avoid any conflict of interest after becoming chairman of a charity trust.

Dr John Morgan was the councillor for Llanerchyddol ward in Welshpool for six years, but handed in his resignation this week, saying he wanted to distance himself from the town council for the sake of the Burgesses Land Trust.

He said: "The town council administers the Burgesses Land Trust which was founded by Act of Parliament in 1761 and the original endowment of land was made in 1324, nearly 700 years ago.

"The terms of the act make it clear that money is to be spent on two objectives - to benefit the edifices of Welshpool Town Council and to look after the poor and needy of the town.

"Because the charity has been looked after by the town council we've particularly taken advice on its governance, but it's become more important as charity law has developed and people are doing things a lot differently to 300 years ago."

Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire and a member of the Trust board, welcomed Dr Morgan's decision.

"John is the chairman of the Trust and I can understand why he's resigned from the town council," he said.

MP's wife Rose named as a deputy

FIVE new deputy lieutenants for Shropshire have been chosen and approved, including Rose Paterson, the wife of North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

She and the other deputies have been commissioned to represent and support the Lord-Lieutenant Sir Algernon Heber-Percy, who is the Queen's representative in Shropshire, and to promote the well-being of the county.

The Hon Mrs Paterson was a valuer at Sotheby's for 22 years before working for her husband both in the constituency and in Westminster. The couple's Shropshire base is near Ellesmere.

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A pillow fight for Eryn Morris,12, left and Libby Jones,15, at Montgomery Show. Turn to page 27

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Mayor in call for talks after ambulance delays

by Iain St John

OSWESTRY'S mayor has written to ambulance chiefs demanding better cover in the town after a patient had to wait an hour for a crew to arrive after she fell off a bus.

Ambulance bosses said crews were dispatched to treat the woman but were then diverted to life-threatening incidents.

They said a community first responder did attend within the target time and the woman did not in the end require hospital treatment.

But although Oswestry mayor John Gareth Jones said he accepted crews were working hard he said ambulance bosses on both sides of the Shropshire/Welsh border should sit down and discuss the problem urgently.

Councillor Jones has written a letter of complaint to Michelle Brotherton, general manager of West Midlands Ambulance Service, about the delays.

He said: "Some patients are taken to Wrexham while others are taken to Shrewsbury so the health service on both sides of the border need to sit down and discuss how to improve the service.

In his letter to the ambulance service, Councillor Jones says an Oswestry woman fell off the number 402 town bus service outside Sainsbury's in Black Gate Street on July 11.

He said: "We believe that the driver got off the bus to see how the individual was, carried on with his round and upon return was concerned to see that she was still lying on the pavement.

Ambulance spokesman John Hawker said: "The patient was fully conscious and breathing and her symptoms were not deemed immediately life threatening. "

Education cabinet job for village councillor

POWYS County Council has appointed a new cabinet member for education and children's services, replacing Councillor Myfanwy Alexander who stood down after using the 'n... word' during a meeting.

Councillor Arwel Jones, of Four Crosses, Llanymynech, who represents the electoral ward of Llandysilio and Carreghofa, will now take on the role. Councillor Alexander remains a county councillor.

A former agricultural financial manager, Councillor Jones is a Welsh speaker and has been a county councillor for 10 years. He is currently the chairman of the Montgomeryshire Committee.

"I am honoured to be asked to join the cabinet," he said. "The council faces many challenges and severe financial pressures but in the face of these challenges, our educations services has seen a significant and rapid improvement since an Estyn inspection concluded that work was needed."

Steam chugs back after 50 years

The steam train leaving Oswestry station for the first time in 50 years

IT WAS like something from an old film – a stream train pulling up alongside the platform at Oswestry Railway Station, ready for passengers to climb on board for the first time in nearly 50 years.

Voluntary group Cambrian Heritage Railways has been working to restore the line and engine so that one day the steam train can give rides all the way to Gobowen.

Roger Date, trustee for the voluntary society, said: "It's all about getting it ready for the town really.

"A lot of the people are train enthusiasts, but it's also about what a brilliant thing it would be for Oswestry as a tourist attraction.

"It would link the town together and really bring people in.

"The engine is owned by one of our members and he was kind enough to let us use it.

"We've got a lot of ambitions for the railway line, but they take some time to complete. The lines need restoring and there's a lot to do."

Overseeing the engine workers was railway veteran Brian Rowe, who worked on the lines for over11 years before finishing when it closed in 1964.

He said: "You can't believe what it means to me to see this up and running. I was the first member of Cambrian Heritage Railways, so I'm very proud to see this going."

Station Master for the day was Mike Rowe, one of the group's volunteers.

Standing alongside the train and overseeing passengers, he said: "It's fantastic. To see everybody able to get on and see it come up to the platform is brilliant. It's the children who are the most interesting, some of them have never seen a steam engine before."

Skull found in wood could be trophy - inquest hears

by Jennifer Meierhans

The jaw-less skull

A SKULL found in Oswestry woodland could be a trophy brought back from Africa or the Caribbean, an inquest has revealed.

The identity of the remains discovered by a dog during a pheasant shooting party on Sweeney Mountain in Oswestry is still a mystery.

But experts believe the bones belonged to man, of Afro Caribbean origin, aged 25 to 45, who died after 1963.

What killed the man is not known but a pathologist found holes that could have been made with tools before or after death.

Evidence suggests the cranium - a skull without a jaw - had been in a desert environment before being laid in the open woodland.

It had not been buried in Oswestry and there was nothing to suggest any further remains were nearby, the inquest was told.

"The possibility that this represents a trophy that was brought back from abroad should be considered," Dr Nicholas Hunt, home office pathologist wrote in his findings.

The details were revealed in a police report read at an inquest in Shrewsbury, when an open verdict was reached.

The hearing was told the cranium was found at a crossroads of Sweeney Mountain and a public footpath when a dog brought it out of the woods on November 8.

A full genetic profile of the man was compared against the national DNA and the missing persons databases but found no matches.

But the DNA was found to be 12 times more likely to belong to a man of Afro Caribbean origin than Caucasian.

The report stated that the "best estimate" was that he had died after 1963 and the age at the time of death was between 25 and 45.

Dr Gordon Cook, Professor of Environmental Geochemistry at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre, found the man had lived on a diet of plants and fish, not typical of Europe.

Holes were found in the skull and Dr Hunt said he could not exclude the possibility these were made with tools.

Mr John Ellery, coroner for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, said: "The cranium, being the skull less the jaw, belonged to a man of Afro Caribbean origin and if alive today he would be 77 to 90 ."

Powys to axe pest control service

PEST control services provided by Powys County Council will be withdrawn, it has been confirmed.

The service will not be taking any further bookings for rat, mice or cockroach treatments after August 29 although any jobs started before then will be finished.

Wasp treatments will continue throughout September but the service will not be taking any further bookings for treatments after September 26.

Councillor John Powell, Cabinet member responsible for environmental health, said: "The council is facing severe financial challenges and this pressure is likely to continue until the end of the decade as the national deficit programme continues.

"We are currently finding savings of £17.6 million for the current financial year (2014/15) with further savings of £15 million in 2015/16 and the savings requirement by 2020 is £70 million.

"Although the service has been valued by those who have used it in the past, it is a discretionary service and one the council can no longer afford to continue. "Once these treatments have been withdrawn, we would strongly urge members of the public to seek the services of qualified pest controllers."

Antique fair back in town

OSWESTRY Markets have teamed up with Amulet Fairs to hold another antiques market in the town.

Stalls will be placed down Bailey Street and on the Bailey Head in the town centre tomorrow (Friday) when there will be a range of items on offer.

Ex-soldier gets a suspended sentence for rail near-miss

A DRIVER who zigzagged his way across a level crossing at 75mph narrowly missing an on-coming train has been given a suspended jail sentence.

James Hill, 23, overtook stationary cars as he sped towards the crossing before missing the train, which was travelling between Shrewsbury and Welshpool and Mid Wales, by just 30 seconds.

Ex-soldier Hill, who was driving an Audi TT, was handed an eight month suspended jail term and ordered him to carry out 300 hours unpaid work. He was also banned from driving for 18 months, told to take an extended re-test and must pay £1,200 costs.

Judge Niclas Parry, sitting at Caernarfon Crown Court, told Hill he had put lives at risk by his actions at the Buttington crossing on the A458 near Welshpool.

Judge Parry said: "To describe your actions as a moment of madness would be a gross understatement.

"It beggars belief you saw fit to overtake a line of stationary cars at a level crossing, crossing double white lines in order to do that, and having seen lights flashing and a barrier coming down. You put lives at real risk."

He told the court that Hill, of Maesymeillion, Llandysul, Dyfed, had served in "testing tours" in Afghanistan then trained as a lorry driver.

"There's no doubt you have acted out of character," he declared.

Bladder cancer group formed

Andrew Winterbottom with Julie Fletcher

A NEW charity aimed at supporting bladder cancer research and treatment is receiving support from Mid Wales.

And a Welshpool pair will carry out a sponsored parachute jump to support the cause this weekend.

Bladder cancer sufferer John Hester, financial controller at the Welshpool based Potters Group, and his wife Valerie have joined the newly registered Fight Bladder Cancer Charity.

They recently held an awareness and fund raising dinner at Lloyds Hotel and Restaurant in Llanidloes when the guests of honour were Andrew Winterbottom, chairman and co-founder and his wife Tracy Staskevich, raising £1,365.

As a result of the fundraiser Julie Fletcher, licensee of the Square and Compass Inn near Welshpool and Phil Davies, estates manager of Potters Group will be doing a parachute jump at Sibson Airfield, near Peterborough.

For more information about the charity visit the www.fightbladdercancer.co.uk or contact John Hester, the regional coordinator on 01686 624855 or 07917 831889, Email john@fightbladdercancer.co.uk or contact Andrew Winterbottom – at Andrew@fightbladdercancer.co.uk

NEWS in brief

Town's store to open for longer

AN Oswestry supermarket will open for longer under plans revealed by Morrisons to combat falling sales.

The store will open at 7am, and others will continue trading until 11pm, as the company attempts to shrug off the challenge of low-cost rivals and to grow its market share after recent struggles.

The new opening hours were introduced this week and Morrisons spokeswoman Harriet Rogers said research had shown that more people were now shopping before 9am and after 8pm.

"The changes are in order to serve our customers better by making it easier for them to shop with us," she added.

Reminder sent to landowners

LANDOWNERS and farmers in Powys are being reminded that they have just two weeks left to make final comments on sites for potential development.

Planning consultant Helen Howie of Berrys chartered surveyors, is urging landowners to check if their property is affected by the draft plan.

She said: "The Powys Development Plan sets the planning policies against which all new developments up to 2026 will be assessed, affecting how Powys will change, so it is important to get it right."

Club seeking a new media officer

A FOOTBALL club near Oswestry is appealing for a new media officer.

St Martins FC said it wants a "young, self motivated person who is interested in journalism and photography", to join its match day team.

Contact the club at **stmartinsfootballclub@yahoo.com**

Sara Cox
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NEWS

Visitor centre plan will create up to 12 new jobs

by Iain St John

A NEW tourist and visitor centre is being planned for the outskirts of Oswestry, potentially creating a dozen jobs.

The centre at Pentre Clawdd Farm, which already has a thriving Christmas tree business and a caravan and camping pod site, could also be used for lectures and talks on visitor attractions as it offers panoramic views of Old Oswestry Hillfort.

Emma and Julian Morris, who own the site on the Oswestry to Gobowen road, close to the A5 roundabout, have applied for planning approval to build the tourism and visitor centre along with car parking and associated highways improvements.

A statement lodged with Shropshire Council by Roger Parry and Partners in support of the bid says the couple want to expand the business with four full-time posts and eight part-time jobs being created.

The statement says: "They believe at Pentre Clawdd they can not only create a fantastic destination for visitors but can provide added value to the local community through this development with the creation of future employment.

"The camping pod business has given an added dimension to the farm and they are attracting visitors from all over the country that want to experience a glamping holiday in a beautiful part of Shropshire.

"They believe they are making a difference to Oswestry and the region with the diverse range of activities, they also believe that they have created an attractive visual point of reference for people travelling past Oswestry, they want to build on this for the future.

"The visitor centre will complement the caravan business and camping pods as it will provide a meeting point for those who wish to walk or cycle local trails such as Offa's Dyke, Wat's Dyke and the Old Oswestry Hill Fort.

"Ventures and development such as the proposed, ensure that tourism is directed not only into the heart of Oswestry but to the surrounding county also."

The statement adds: "The visitor centre has the ability to provide information to visitors and tourists on many of the key historical sites in the area.

"The applicant believes that this building can be a primary display for the world famous hill fort with its panoramic views.The building will also be utilised for lectures and talks on visitor attractions."

The application has been lodged with Shropshire Council and is out for public consultation.

Council asking developers to change plans

DEVELOPERS have been asked to reconsider elements of plans to build more than 60 homes on a historic estate and demolish part of a Grade II-listed stately home.

Rights of way officers at Shropshire Council have claimed a restricted byway runs through the Brogyntyn estate, near Oswestry, where J Ross Developments Ltd want to build the homes.

A new road is expected to be built as part of the development, but the council officers have called for traffic calming measures to be included on the byway in the interests of public safety.

The redevelopment of the site, once occupied by the Harlech family, will include the demolition of the hall's north east service wing as well as conversion of the estate's Home Farm to 11 residential properties and the building of 50 new homes in the grounds of the estate.

Papers in support of the bid by J Ross Developments Ltd say the alterations to the hall, parts of which date to the late 17th century, are key to ensuring its long term survival by transforming it into a viable private country residence.

The report by rights of way officers says: "The section which runs close to Brogyntyn Hall is subject to a public path diversion order which has yet to be confirmed.

"This is waiting on works that are required to be completed by the applicant."

Dragon unveiled in Belgium

The dragon, made in Llanrhaeadr, is unveiled in Langemark, Belgium

ALL the way from a village near Oswestry, a Welsh Dragon has arrived in Belgium to honour those who died in World War One.

The red dragon, made by Castle Fine Arts Foundry, in Llanrhaeadr, has been placed on top of a memorial in Langemark, to remember the Welsh soldiers who fell in Flanders during the war.

And the dragon was unveiled as 1,000 people gathered to commemorate the 100th anniversary in a service.

Speaking at the event, Peter Carter Jones, co-ordinator of the Welsh Memorial in Flanders Campaign Group, said: "At a chance meeting in 2010 I learned there was no single welsh memorial for all the Welsh fallen.We wanted to change that.

"This memorial's artist is from Tenby, the stones from Pontypridd and the dragon was made in Wales. Every bit of it is Welsh.

"People not born yet will come here to remember the dreadful history this memorial represents. We will not forget them."

The final statue measures 8ft long and weighs 70st (450kg) and is a lasting memorial to the estimated 40,000 Welsh soldiers, sailors and airmen who died during the war.

MP for Montgomeryshire, Glyn Davies, said: "I think it is absolutely brilliant, it's so impressive."

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Father is spared jail term after threats with knife

by Thomas Morton

A MOTHER was so scared that she hid her children in the attic when she heard her husband sharpening a knife in the kitchen after a row.

Thomas Miles avoided custody for telling his wife he would stab her in front of their three children, but was told by a judge that he "had a difficult road ahead" to regain their trust.

Miles, 52, pleaded guilty to affray at Shrewsbury Crown Court and received a six month jail sentence, suspended for 18 months.

The father-of-three was a man of good character who had led a "decent and useful" life, Judge Robin Onions said, but had been suffering from depression and drinking when he made the threat on January 5 this year.

Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said Miles and his wife has been married for 15 years. She had returned to the family's home in the Oswestry area in the evening after visiting a friend with the children.

Miles was in a bad mood and had been drinking, he said, and confronted his wife saying it was "unreasonable" for her to have been gone so long and to have come back so late.

Mr Miles said: "You won't sleep tonight. If you go to bed, I'm going to stab you."

Mr Jones said Mrs Miles went away "really scared" and then heard Miles sharpening a knife in the kitchen, at which point she took the children upstairs and called the police.

"She was terrified to the extent she put the children in the attic to hide them from him," Mr Jones said. Miles then started calling for one of the children, went into the bedroom to ask his wife where they were and then went downstairs again. The police then arrived and arrested him, he said.

Judge Onions said Miles, now of Richmond Road, Wrexham, had accepted responsibility for his actions and accepted that his marriage was over.

Miles had not seen his children since and Mrs Miles had started divorce proceedings.

"He was not a well man," he said. "But he had sufficient control to know his behaviour would be exceptionally frightening to his wife and children."

He told Miles he believed his actions were "very much prompted by the fact you were ill, and unwisely self-medicated with alcohol.

"None of us a re immune to mental illness."

But, he added: "Your behaviour was so erratic your family thought they were at risk."

Miles was also ordered to pay £250 costs. He is voluntarily receiving treatment for depression, Judge Onions said.

Praise follows positive Estyn nursery report

STAFF at a village nursery near Oswestry have been praised after inspectors were left impressed by the standards of care and education.

Inspectors from Estyn made the report after visiting the Welsh-medium Cylch Meithrin Glyn Ceiriog nursery in the Ceiriog Valley.

Nursery staff were praised by Ken Skates, Assembly Member for Clwyd South whose constituency includes the Ceiriog Valley.

The Labour Assembly Member paid tribute to the team at the village nursey, which has 18 pre-school children on its roll, after inspectors rated both its current performance and prospects for future improvement as 'good'.

Mr Skates said: "This is an extremely positive report which highlights many areas in which the nursery excels – I'm sure the staff and parents are delighted.

"The inspectors noted that children are making good progress in their learning; that they are happy and secure and that the relationships between them and the staff are good. There is plenty to be pleased about here.

"I was glad to see the report also state that the care, support and guidance the children receive is good and that the team of four who run the group work very well together and have a clear focus."

Merv puzzled by flying objects

Merv Davies from Four Crosses watches the skies for strange objects

IT WAS banana shaped, with bright lights flashing around it – and it has become the latest UFO mystery to strike over the skies of Shropshire and Mid Wales.

A model aircraft enthusiast says he has been left puzzled by three unidentified flying objects he spotted over the skies near his home on the Powys/Shropshire border.

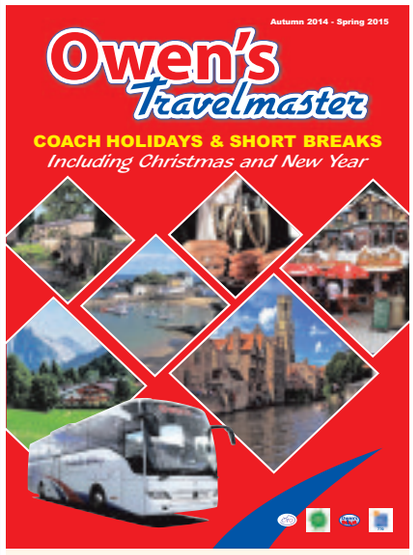
Mervyn Davies, the founder of Oswestry and District Flying Club, is wondering if anyone else saw the strange bright lights in the sky above their homes on Wednesday, August 13.

The evening was full of aerial activity because of the annual perseid shower, which sends thousands of shooting stars streaming across the skies each year.

But Mr Davies says what he saw were not stars, but lights acting in a manner he had never seen before.

Mr Davies, of Llys Rhysnant near Four Crosses, said he spotted the first object at about 9.45pm from his bedroom window and after it rose into space, two other bright lights emerged, which shot around the sky.

He said: "I know what aircraft can do because I do the model flying club and I go to all the air shows such as at Welshpool and Cosford and these were definitely not normal aircraft."



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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

What struck me this week was the news that a Welshpool town councillor is standing down to concentrate on chairing a charity trust to avoid a conflict of interest.

John Morgan has been a member of the Town Council for six years and has been one of a number of councillors to raise questions over the running of the ancient Burgess Land Trust .

The Burgess Trust money was left, it is claimed, to be spent on two objectives - to benefit the edifices of Welshpool Town Council and to look after the poor and needy of the town.

The Burgess Land Trust dates from 1761 and has been run as a charity by Welshpool Town Council, acting as trustee.

The Trust contains considerable funds and was boosted by the controversial sale of a large area of land for housing a couple of years ago.

There have been many attempts by both the press and members of the public over the years to delve into the dealings of the Trust – all have come up against a brick wall.

Surely the running of such a well-intentioned bequest should be completely transparent and all dealings made public. After all there can be nothing to gain from keeping the dealing a closely guarded secret.

Mr Morgan is only part of a new team that has been formed to administer the Trust with even Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies on board.

Their mandate must surely be to make all dealings open to scrutiny.

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The craze of sticking amusing signs on the rear of vehicles seems to be growing by the day.

In the last week I have been really amused by some I spotted.

On the back of a septic tank truck I read: "A straight flush beats a full house." On the back of a tree surgeon's vehicle I read: "Call us on our branch line," while a van sign declared: "No chocolate is left in this vehicle overnight."

But the best of all was on the back of a wheelchair which simply read: "I'd rather be walking."

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Powys County Council this week announced it will need to find an additional £15million in saving over the next few years on top of the huge cuts already made. Where it's going to come from beats me.

This news comes from an authority already struggling to meet recycling targets yet considering closing the public Machynlleth recycling centre and this week announcing that it is closing its pest control service.

Can you think of any service left to cut?

The pews which stand in Maesbury Church were donated by carpenters

A painting of Maesbury's Tabernacle Church by Maggie Humphrys

Church Warden Maureen Ross inside Maesbury's tin tabernacle church

Village's iconic church is now a county treasure

The tin church which was built over a century ago has stood the test of time. PAM GRIFFIN pays a visit

IT COST a mere £120 to buy from Harrods and arrived on a truck as a flat-pack kit more than a century ago.

But Maesbury's iconic tin tabernacle church has stood the test of time and is still a much-loved building in the community.

The 108-year-old parish church shows few signs of wear and tear at first glance, and is believed to be one of only two examples of its kind in Shropshire, the other being Knowle Mission Room near Clee Hill in the south of the county.

Assistant churchwarden Maureen Ross said the tiny church is still well used by villagers, with a steady attendance at Sunday services and outreach activities held throughout the year.

It is also popular with visitors, including users of the nearby canal who occasionally pop in to join in with Sunday services.

Comments

"We've been opening every day since June and we've had some lovely comments from people saying they've always wanted to come in," she said.

"The interior wood panels are still in lovely condition – I understand it's the same as it was when it opened."

The church's exterior is striking, with its small bell house, arched windows and clean white walls making it stand out from the neighbouring houses.

It was built as a result of demand in the village, which at the time had no Anglican building and just a Welsh chapel.

Mrs Ross said: "The land was given to the church by the Lloyd family from Aston Hall. The building arrived as a flat-pack and was erected by two men.

Maesbury's tin tabernacle church with the memorial to the fallen

"The church was obviously much needed, and welcomed when it was complete. The first week's collection was £13 – a very large amount for that time.

"In the 1950s and 1960s the church needed new pews, so carpenters from the Derwen College in Gobowen made 14 new pews for us. We had a new altar at about the same time, given by the widow of Ray Morris, from The Ball Mill. She donated a new bishop's chair as well."

Despite the support given by local people, it took until 1996 for the church to be recognised as its own parish, thanks in part to the construction of Oswestry's bypass.

"Before the church was built here in Maesbury anyone who wanted a Church of England service had to go into Oswestry.

"A lot of people carried on doing that, but when they built the bypass and it was more difficult to get to church we got our own vicar and became a parish in our own right," Mrs Ross said.

Age is starting to tell on the church however, and parishioners recently held a duck race to bring in funds for repairs to the roof over the vestry, which had started to leak.

More repairs will be needed on the windows and doors, but Mrs Ross said a lot more money – £18,302 to be precise – will be needed to complete all the work.

"The window sills are really in need of replacing. When you clean them bits of wood flake off, and they never really come clean.

"There are gaps between the windows and the frame, and there are also gaps with the vestry door," she said.

"Actually the vestry door has got so bad that the mice are getting in underneath. I know you're supposed to have church mice, but it's not really very good."

But she said the planned renovations gave the church an opportunity to make some exciting changes to its appearance.

She said: "All the windows need replacing. We're hoping that someone would want to sponsor a window to help us raise the money.

"But what we're really hoping to do is to change the two windows at the front of the church and have stained glass. The church is dedicated to St John the Baptist, so possibly include St John in the windows."

A collection box has been installed at the back of the church, donated by Black Country Ironworks, but the church is also hoping to have offers of practical help from people who could help to fit the new windows and doors, saving money on the project.

"It's such a lovely building. It's got a lovely atmosphere, and people really do like coming in to see us," Mrs Ross said.

Events

"We're planning more events for the rest of the year including taking part in the Montgomery Canal Festival in the village.

"We will be opening the church for the Ride and Stride event around different churches in Shropshire in September and will be holding Messy Church services.

"And I'm looking at getting a choir in to sing at a fundraising event in the very near future."

To contribute to the appeal contact church warden Graeme Ross on (01691) 680302.

WORKING FOR YOU

Bill Longmore

Bill Longmore, police and crime commissioner for West Mercia, has revealed he is seeking people's views on which punishments should be included in the Community Remedy Document.

Victims of crime in Shropshire will be asked to decide how offenders should be punished, under new rules being drawn up. Injured parties will be offered a list of retributions – and will be able to pick how they would like to see justice done.

And from October, victims will be offered the list of options by a police officer when a conditional caution or a community resolution is deemed the best way to deal with the crime.

Proposed punishments to choose from include face-to-face talks between the victim and the perpetrator with the help of a mediator.

And neighbourhood justice panels could also be an option.

Other ideas include a written or verbal apology from the offender, paying damages or unpaid work. Acceptable behaviour contracts, alcohol or drug treatment and anger management courses will also be an option.

The new scheme is part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act.

Mr Longmore said: "It has always been my intention to put victims at the very heart of the criminal justice system and this new legislation allows me to do just that.

"It is important that as many people as possible play their part in helping to shape a more locally-driven and victim-centred approach to criminal justice, and one that makes offenders payback directly to those who they have offended against."

Mr Longmore's strategies are known for being victim focused and last year he defended West Mercia Police's policy of handing bouquets to victims of burglaries and muggings.

"The money for the flowers comes from the police community fund, a charity which officers pay a small fee to out of their pay check. I don't think it's a bad idea but the point is where do you stop – you can't give out flowers to victims of every crime.

BILL LONGMORE

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Human nature to want better life

THE papers inform us that car sales are booming, last month it was a baby-boom, last week it was house prices rising faster than anywhere else in Europe.

They have reported that the NHS is on its knees, that A&E departments are finding it difficult to cope with an excess of patients wanting attention.

A full range of reasons, explanations and justifications are offered – we are coming out of recession, there are more people in work and less on benefit.

You will hear every excuse under the sun except mass immigration. A serious Governmental error has been made regarding immigration and they do not want you to know about it, even though every single item in the first paragraph can be legitimately linked to two million immigrants over the last 24 months.

Do not believe Government figures on this subject, multiply it by 10 then add a few more.

Do not blame the immigrants, it is human nature to want more for yourself and your family, I believe we all understand that. They all want a house, a car, a job, a hospital, a doctor and a school.

Incompetent politicians failed to recognise that we are an island with finite space.They, and the European Union have much to answer for.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Stay quiet outdoors

REGARDING the recent article in your paper – Residents make noise over signs (July 26).

What can possibly be the objection to a polite request to keep noise down to the minimum in a country park, especially near people's homes?

It is part of the country code.

Loud voices in the countryside can be just as annoying as train passengers shouting into their mobile phones.

K CLELAND
Welshpool

Appalled at closure of police counter

ONE can only be appalled by the closure of the already part-time Oswestry Police Station counter (Chronicle, August 14), just as there are no longer bobbies on the beat.

A friend, innocent victim of a hit-and-run collision recently, was required to travel to Shrewsbury to validate his vehicle documents, which surely proves the point.

Sadly, we have brought much of this on ourselves.

The Nation is in fact "bust" despite the officially promoted illusion of a recovery. Public services are being hollowed out – we used to call it "salami-slicing in the MoD.

At the heart of all this is the money issued by the Government interest free – our cash and coin – to facilitate the exchange of goods and services; by nature a flexible amount according to need.

Challenge a politician on the right of a government to increase this amount, for which Early Day Motions have been tabled in Parliament, however, and one will be smartly kicked into touch with the standard treasury falsehood that this would be "inflationary."

Moreover, we have still to consider the costly financial and economic "boomerang" of progressive privatisation that leads, for example, to the closure of hospital wards.

We have long lost control of the situation and the politicians we elect but, unless constituent organisations across the country force them to act in Parliament to reverse this pattern, the situation can only get worse - food banks and all.

B S TURNER
Oswestry

Do you recognise any young wives?

This picture is copied direct from the pages of the Shropshire Star of July 13, 1973. The original caption read: 'Members of St Martins Young Wives football team who will be playing a works women's team at their fete, on St Martins football field, tomorrow in aid of charity'

Solar farms a blot on landscape

I AM one of the thousands of tourists who visit your beautiful county every year but I am appalled at the number of solar farms that are proposed.

If it was just a few acres here and there, fine, but it's the size that is unimaginable. Fifty-four acres in a rural area that will have no benefit to the local community but could possibly affect their livelihood if they are reliant on tourism.

We can go elsewhere for our holidays but local people will have to look at the solar panels, 33,000 of them, for evermore.

Will they be compensated for loss of business once the change is made to their environment?

G MUNNS
Hertfordshire

LETTERS to the Editor

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Shared spaces scheme will put us in danger

SHROPSHIRE Council leader Keith Barrow's and North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson's new "shared spaces" proposal for Oswestry, will reduce vehicular traffic and cyclists to 3mph, walking speed, to avoid accidental impact with random pedestrians.

This will obstruct ambulances, police vehicles and fire engines, while increasing congestion and forcing traffic to use inappropriate side streets.

Pedestrians will be constantly turning around to see if they are in jeopardy. Blind people and guide dogs would not be able to use the kerb stones as a point of reference and safe haven, while deaf people would not know if a car is behind them or a fire engine.

NIGEL J BOWER
Ellesmere

Wilfred on right track with poem

RECENTLY I was looking at a book of recruitment posters of World War I. It mentioned joining for Empire, King and Country a few times. Have you ever read the poem "Dulce et Decorum est" by Wilfred Owen, Shropshire's own World War I poet?

The last three lines read: To children ardent for some desperate glory The old lie: Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

For those like me whose Latin is not great it translates to: The old lie. It's sweet and becoming to die for one's country.

I really think Owen was right. Men die for their comrades and to finish the job done.

JOHN R BROWN
Shrewsbury

Man is at fault for wildlife decline

W F Kerswell, in a letter, refers disparagingly to Green idiots and the former Environment Minister, Owen Paterson's reference to some conservationists as the Green blob.

As a child, my mother discouraged me from insulting people, remarking that one has lost the argument when one resorts to insults.

Mr Kerswell would like to blame the poor badger for all manner of ills, including the spread of bovine TB, but is he not curious as to why only four badgers out of some 2,000 slaughtered were tested for bovine tuberculosis – and these appear to have been free of the disease!

It seems that over 2,000 disease-free badgers may have been killed to no purpose.What an indictment on all of us that we can countenance and do such a thing.

In the final analysis I think it is man who bears the greatest responsibility for the decline of animal, bird and bee populations for his widespread spraying of chemicals, pollution and erosion of habitats felling of trees and forests and replacing green of field and garden with grey concrete.

We only pay lip service to conservation in our planning system. Mr Paterson and his ilk are only interested in short term benefits, ever increasing but unsustainable profits and votes.

JUNE McCARTHY
Oswestry

Don't feel sorry for me

MR Peever's letter (Aug 7) are the thoughts in the head of someone with no belief.

My Father died last year aged nearly 96 and my Mother two years earlier aged 88. Both had suffered advanced dementia. They had been active in their community, enjoying helping others. Dad was an atheist.

We all have our motivations for helping people. For some it is "to meet loved ones they enjoyed on earth" in an afterlife. My motivation was love.

Really Mr Peever, there is no need to feel sorry for me.

JOHN RIDGMAN
Oswestry.

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NEWS in brief

Greek food night at Willow Gallery

A CRAFT preview and Greek food night will be held at a gallery tomorrow (Friday).

The Willow Gallery in Willow Street, Oswestry, will hold the event at 6.30pm.

On offer will be a wide selection of Mediterranean dishes, including pork-stuffed vine leaves, tzatziki dip and pan-fried halloumi.

The exhibition will show members of the Shropshire Guild of Contemporary Craft using traditional skills and techniques, alongside other modern methods.

Email lindsay@willoweatery.co.uk or call 07773 720425.

Concert to raise air appeal funds

A CHARITY country and blues concert in aid of the Mid Wales Air Ambulance will be held in Montgomery next week.

The Haley Sisters, a trio from Yorkshire, will be performing a mix of country, blues, Americana and contemporary songs on August 30 at Montgomery Town Hall.

Brian Smith, who is married to Becky Haley, plays accompaniment on acoustic guitar, Becky plays rhythm guitar and the other sister Jo-Ann plays electric bass.

For tickets call (01686) 668967.

Retired businessman died in lawn mower accident

A RETIRED transport firm boss was killed when his sit and ride lawnmower plunged into a ditch pinning him underneath, an inquest heard.

John Russell Cadwallader, who ran one of the largest privately-owned haulage companies in the UK, died cutting his son's lawn in Oswestry.

The 82-year-old retired from G and R Cadwallader in 1996 and his sons John and David opened Cadwallader Limited, based in Maesbury Road.

Mr Cadwallader, of Weston Lane, Oswestry, was cutting the lawn at the Hayes Barns in Racecourse Road for one of his sons who was renovating the property.

But when he did not return home, his wife Gwyneth drove out there and found him trapped underneath the lawnmower.

A post mortem revealed Mr Cadwallader, known as Russell, died of asphyxiation after the accident on Tuesday, May 6.

Philip Tyler, coroners officer for Shropshire told a hearing in Shrewsbury yesterday: "Police were called to The Hayes Barns, Racecourse Road, Oswestry to a person trapped underneath a ride on lawnmower.

by Iain St John

On arrival the police found the deceased underneath an upside down lawnmower in a ditch.

"Paramedics attended the scene and pronounced life extinct at 7.34pm.

"Police were satisfied there was nothing untoward and listed the death as non-suspicious.

"A post mortem revealed that the deceased died from asphyxiation."

Mr John Ellery, coroner for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Mr Cadwallader is survived by his wife, Gwyneth, sons John and David, daughters-in-law and three grandsons. Mr John Cadwallader said his father remained active in retirement.

"He kept himself busy socialising and taking a keen interest in the local community and was very proud of the company."

Trenches exhibition at camp site

Volunteer Steve Townsend at the exhibition at Park Hall

A "TRENCHES through the Ages" exhibition has been created at the Park Hall Countryside Experience, near Oswestry, the site of one of the largest training camps in the country which was built in 1915.

Huge numbers of soldiers, including poet Wilfred Owen, spent time at the camp on their way to the front.

Funding for the project, which includes replica trench systems from World War Two and modern conflicts, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, was given by Shropshire Council.

Mark Hignett, of Oswestry Museum, who has helped to lead the project, said: "We have tried to include everything you could have come across in the trenches. The main trench is 150 feet long and the idea is to show what we have learned from 100 years of trench warfare.

"People can explore frontline trenches, with machine gun posts, to the basic shelters cut into banks."

Plenty on offer for the bored teenagers

TEENAGERS in Oswestry are being given plenty to keep them occupied during the long summer holidays.

Realising that even the older students can get bored with six weeks of no lessons, the Oswestry Community Alcohol Project has organised a host of free or subsidised events throughout the town.

Ideas for the events came from young people themselves, who talked to Councillor Vince Hunt and other members of the project about what activities they would like to see.

Last week saw The Big Chill put on in Cae Glas Park, with several free activities for young people.

Jay Moore from Fusion Arts, showed the young people how to do spray painting, with some artistic results. There was also a paintball range, crafts, refreshments and live music.

Today (Thursday) the park will have a more lively feel with an inflatable day for teenagers. There will be several inflatable games, including a rodeo sheep, an adult bouncy castle, a surf simulator and an adult assault course.

Os Cap has also joined forces with the Kinoculture Cinema to offer subsidised film tickets for some of cinema screening.

Georgia May Foote who plays Katy Armstrong in Coronation Street will be at Oswestry

Soap stars set to attract the crowds at truck show

A host of soap stars will be the VIP guests at this year's Shropshire Truck Show, organisers have revealed.

by Iain St John

The show, known as the UK's "friendliest" truck show, is returning to Oswestry Showground after a year's break from the venue.

Show director Jason Lunn from Independent Event Management said the event, over the weekend of September 6 and 7, will have a host of TV soap star celebrities on hand.

Jamie Lomas, who plays Jake Stone on Eastenders, will appear on the Saturday while Coronation Street actors Georgia May Foote who plays Katy Armstrong and Jack P Shepherd who plays David Platt will appear on the Sunday.

Mr Lunn said: "Last year's break from the Oswestry site has allowed them to develop the showground, improving the roadways and toilets and we are pleased to see a new grandstand in place for the main arena.

"We've had fantastic comments from everyone about our return to the venue and look forward to our new September date which we hope will give us better weather.

"Manufacturers are re-booking their stands at the show with a large display of industry and general trade stands. There will also be a second arena this year dedicated to the Recovery Display so that they can perform without having to move around.

Attractions at the show this year will feature new main arena entertainment with the first appearance of motorcycle display team 'The Royal Signals White Helmets' as the stars of the show.

Site is set for facelift

A COUNTY gipsy and traveller site is set for a facelift and expansion.

The Shropshire Council-run site at Park Hall, near Oswestry, has been used by traveller families for more than 30 years.

The council has lodged plans for the re-development of the 12-pitch site after securing funding.

A design and access statement lodged in support of the bid says it will be redeveloped within its present boundaries to provide 14 plots, while retaining one existing single block.

Nominations craze leads to water warning

WITH the latest internet craze 'wet nominate' leading to people jumping into lakes or rivers, D□r Cymru Welsh Water has issued a warning that lives could be at risk.

The idea started with with videos of people pouring a bucket of cold water over their heads, but has now let to one post of a man in South Wales jumping off a bridge into a river being posted on the internet.

Already this year, there have been two fatalities at reservoirs in England which,Welsh Water says, is a tragic reminder of just how dangerous reservoirs can be.

Welsh Water owns and maintains more than 80 reservoirs across Wales including some close to the Shropshire border and while it encourages people to enjoy the areas surrounding them, it says swimming in them can prove fatal due to the hidden dangers that lurk beneath the surface of the water.

Welsh Water's Chief Operating Officer, Pete Perry said: "With the latest internet craze 'wet nominate' circulating on social media, we are worried that some people may be attracted by the idea of going for a swim or jumping into a reservoir. I cannot emphasise enough that people who do this are not only putting their own lives at risk but also the lives of people who may try and help if they get into difficulty.

"People shouldn't just take our word for it. The recent deaths at reservoirs in England are a stark reminder that while reservoirs might seem safe, they are full of hidden dangers with freezing cold water and strong currents.

"We ask customers to remember that reservoirs are working sites that are an important part of the water cycle. This is why we display signage at these sites and campaigns asking customers not to swim at any time."

Formal opening of new health centre

A TOWN'S new £2.4 million medical centre has been formally opened.

A host of guests including town councillors and health professionals were invited to the official opening of the new centre in Chirk on Friday night.

The new primary care centre has replaced the town's former surgery on Castle Road.

The land was made available by Wrexham County Borough Council and the building was constructed by Anwyl Construction.

The design of the building and the services it provides was agreed after discussions with the town's GPs, health board and Wrexham County Borough Council.

The two-storey building includes rooms for GP consulting, GP training, treatments, counselling, phlebotomy and minor operations in addition to rooms for the midwives, health visitors and outpatient appointments.

Town councillors say Chirk had now joined the "21st century" in terms of health care.

A new health centre for the town has been a top priority for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board for a number of years due to the size and condition of the former surgery building and the project received Welsh Government funding approval in summer 2012.

The building includes a large pharmacy area as well as space for ancillary healthcare uses and offers outpatient appointments which may have required a trip to an acute hospital.

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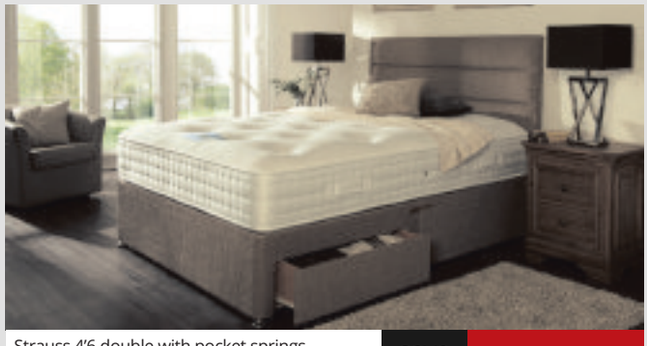

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NEWS in brief

Villagers prepare for annual show

LEIGHTON villagers are busy preparing for their annual show which will be on Saturday, September 6.

The show includes a woodland walk and quiz starting at 10.30am, a dog show starting at 1.30pm with the main show starting at 2pm.

For more information, entry forms or to book a stall or tickets contact www.leightonnews.com or Sally on sallyg8322@yahoo.com or call 07511 434793.

Evening meeting for Rotary Club

PETER Hodgson, President of Welshpool Rotary Club, welcomed visitors Jan Eagles, Ben Rowell and Mary Williams to last week's evening meeting.

Speaker was Rotarian Ewen MacLeod, who told members an epic story of the cold war. A book sale takes place in the Corn Exchange, Welshpool, on Saturday from 9am - 4pm.

Stars to turn out for charity golf

FORMER snooker champion Dennis Taylor and comedian Stan Boardman are among the names confirmed for a charity golf day taking place at Lakeside Golf Club on September 14. Contact Alan Crowe on 07782 166342.

New group formed after farm protestors disband

by Graham Breeze

THE group formed to oppose the building of the super dairy at Leighton has disbanded following final approval of the project.

With work now well underway on the scheme CALFe members met to discuss the future of the group when it was decided the campaign against the farm should be called to a halt.

A statement released by the group said: "There is no more that CALFe can do. CALFe would like to thank everyone for their support and generous donations to the cause."

In early July a public meeting was called by members of the Leighton community, after the granting of planning permission. Many people attended to discuss possible next steps regarding the farm.

It was decided by the community to form a liaison group - Leighton Community Group - to work in partnership with the farmer, Fraser Jones and Powys County Council planning department.

The group's aim is to keep the local community informed and involved as Lower Leighton Farm expands.

"Leighton Community Group will endeavour to work cooperatively with all parties to ensure the best outcomes for all concerned," said the statement.

"The new group seeks to ensure the numerous planning conditions associated with the expansion are met in order to maintain and protect our community's quality of life.

"The aim being to bring the Lower Leighton expansion project to fruition in an efficient manner whilst causing the least possible disruption to the village.

"The time has come for us all to work together for the best possible outcomes for the community of Leighton."

The new site set up by the group is at www.leightoncommunitygroup.org

Council says it's winning

WELSHPOOL Town Council has announced that it is stamping out anti-social behaviour in the town.

Vandalism has been reported across the town in recent weeks but the town clerk says arrests have been made and warned that more will follow.

"The local police team and Welshpool Town Council together are getting to grips with anti-social behaviour," said Robert Robinson.

"There have been a number of arrests and prosecutions will follow. We will also be seeking compensation to repair any damages.

"Culprits have been apprehended in connection to a number of incidents, including the so called boy racers, burning seats in the grandstand at Maesydre, attacking CCTV cameras and other damage."

Entertainer's new book

Alan Crowe's new book looks at Mid Wales entertainers

FROM 18th century actors to Archers regulars, Mid Wales has had its fair share of high profile entertainers.

Now historian and entertainer Alan Crowe says he's managed to track most of them down for a new book.

Entertaining Mid Wales and Beyond chronicles entertainers who have emerged from Powys and in some cases gone onto national stardom.

Mr Crowe said: "I've already published several books on local history so I'm not a stranger to this kind of thing."

As well as local entertainers, the book contains large number of household names, including wildlife presenter Iolo Williams and Sian Lloyd, presenter and weather girl.

The book is available from Fuze Music & Book Shop, Newtown; Ivy House Cafe, Montgomery; Great Oak Book Shop, Llanidloes; and Welsh Book shop, Market Hall, Oswestry.

It's crazy nobody wants to play golf

A LACK of entries has forced Welshpool Town Council to call off the planned Mid Wales Crazy Golf Championships.

The event was due to be staged in the town on August Bank Holiday Monday as a qualifier for the Welsh Crazy Golf Championships.

But with only one entry registered the council has cancelled the event which should have gone ahead in Church Street Car Park on August 25.

"We have received only one entry and that was from a champion crazy golfer," said Councillor John Morgan.

Problems with the equipment suppliers were also putting the event under threat."There were also issues with the suppliers of the equipment so the council has therefore taken the step to cancel the event due to lack of support."

The winner would have had the chance to progress to the World Crazy Golf Championships being held in Hastings in October.

The council is not writing off the idea of staging the event in the future though.

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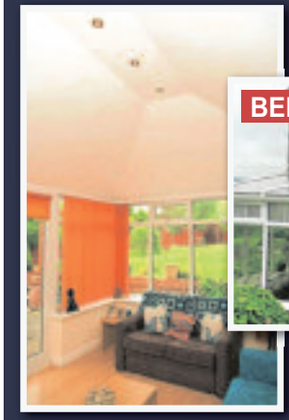

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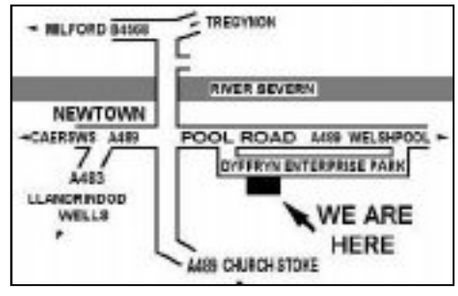

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Unemployment figures in drop

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefit in Shropshire has fallen to its lowest level in almost six years.

The improvements in the jobs market continued their recent performance during July, according to the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics.

The latest figures show that in Shropshire Council's area, 2,969 people claimed Jobseekers' Allowance, meaning 1.6 per cent of the working adult population was signing on.

It's the lowest figure since October 2008.

In June, there were 3070 claimants in the county.

Course offering new writing skills

TWO creative writing courses will be held in Oswestry next month at The Willow Gallery.

Michael Doman will lead the first session on September 9, from 10.30am to 4.30pm. The session will cost £39 and aim to help participants improve their writing and master the basics.

A second session concentrating on art-inspired creative writing will be held on September 20 from 11am to 3pm at £15.

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Placebo drug to be used to treat cardiac arrests

by Jennifer Meierhans

PATIENTS whose hearts stop in Shropshire and Mid-Wales could be given a placebo instead of adrenalin during a study into whether or not the current treatment save lives.

Paramedics at the West Midlands and Welsh Ambulance Services will give people in cardiac arrest either salt water or adrenalin in a trial due to start in the Autumn.

Neither the medic, nor the patient or their relatives will know which they are getting.

Current guidelines used by the ambulance services recommend routinely giving adrenalin during the resuscitation of patients who have suffered cardiac arrest.

But there are concerns that adrenalin may cause brain damage and may not help overall survival at all.

A new study, led by Warwick University, will be rolled out across Shropshire and Wales as well as London, the South coast and the North East.

The first 8,000 patients who suffer a cardiac arrest in these areas will be included. People will, in theory, be able opt out of the study in advance.

But Dr Martin Underwood, whose team at Warwick University are running the study, acknowledged that few were likely to opt out and that the logistics of checking the identity and wishes of patients during frantic attempts to save their lives would be difficult.

He stressed that all other resuscitation including heart massage and defibrillation would be conducted on all patients as normal.

"There are sufficient grounds for concern that what we are doing at the moment is detrimental to people."

Nasa provides space age help

PATIENTS at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital could soon find themselves walking on air thanks to space age technology being provided by its League of Friends group.

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The machine proved a great success during a recent trial at the hospital.

The system works through patients donning special shorts which are then zipped into a pressurised bag effectively reducing body weight by up to 80 per cent.

Teenagers chill out in the park

Jenna Brook shows off her circus skills

TEENAGERS were chilling out in Oswestry's Big Chill thanks to a community project.

The Oswestry Community Alcohol Project is running a series of events in the town throughout August, to give young people positive things to do.

Live music played in the park and the teenagers got involved in the of spray painting and also enjoy a paintball range.

There were workshops, refreshments and more for the young people to do.

Councillor Vince Hunt, who is one of those behind the activities, said that much had been done in Oswestry to tackle under age drinking.

"We have done so much in the town and now we want to provide the young people the chance to do what they want to do," he said. "We talked with local young people and their ideas are now being used to put on a number of events."

Motorist injured as BMW overturns

A MOTORIST was taken to hospital with "multiple but minor" injuries after his car left the road near Oswestry and overturned, landing upside down in a field.

The crash happened at about 8.30am on Friday on the B5009 road between Whittington and Queen's Head

The Silver BMW car left the road and went through a hedge before coming to rest upside down in a farmer's field.

The driver managed to get out of the vehicle by himself and was treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospital for further treatment.

Ambulance service spokesman John Hawker said the driver was out of the car when a crew arrived to give treatment.

He said: "He suffered multiple but minor injuries and was treated at the scene before he was taken by ambulance to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for further treatment.

"We were called at about 8.30am after reports that a car had left the road and rolled."

Police attended the incident and used Twitter to ask drivers to avoid the area.

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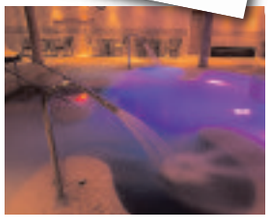

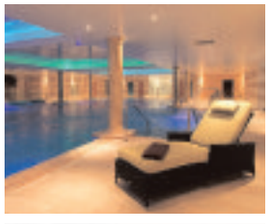

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Judging in the horse section at Guilsfield Show last Thursday

Crowds enjoying the entertainment at Guilsfield Show on Thursday

Crowds enjoying the fun at Guilsfield's annual show last Thursday

Brothers Evan, 8, Oliver, 6, and Thomas Madin, 7 at the show

Graham Griffiths of the Mid Wales Model Engineering Society

Successful show

ORGANISERS of the Guilsfield Show are celebrating another successful event, with visitors enjoying a gymkhana display, a dog show, a tug of war and a series of children's races - and mostly good weather.

"We did have a bit of a deluge at about 1pm but that did not last long," said show secretary Sally Jones.

"Although people got a bit soaked the sun soon came back out and everybody was soon dry and had smiles on their faces.

by Iain St John

"We have been pleased with the number of people who came along to enjoy the show. There is always a nice atmosphere."

Mrs Jones said it was unusual to have a community show on a Thursday but said the day was chosen several years ago because the shops in the nearby town of Welshpool used to close early.

She said: "The Thursday show is unusual but it works for us and we will be soon thinking about next year's because you have to book things well in advance."

She added: "There have been many highlights and one of the things we have been trying out this year is a gymkhana display with local riders.

"That is one of the main arena attractions and the tug of war is always popular, while we have always kept the children's races because they are always popular."

Among the events were various animal classes including horses, sheep and dogs while in the show marquee people showed off their prowess at horticulture, cookery and craft making.

Mrs Jones said: "We were down a little this year on the horses and dogs but had some fantastic sheep entries and the marquee has been overflowing with entries, which is fantastic.

Jake Evans and Amy Bell promote the NFU at the show

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Well-built traditional family home for sale

A well built traditional detached family house, The Crest, Penygarreg Lane, Pant, near Oswestry lies on a large garden plot with countryside views.
It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £285,000.
It has a porch, reception hall with vinyl flooring and cupboards, a living room with an attractive fireplace with remote controlled gas fire and a bay window, a dining room with a fireplace with a coal effect gas fire, cupboard and parquet floor, breakfast kitchen with integrated electric double oven, electric hob and extractor and vinyl flooring, rear entrance porch with tiled flooring, a utility/cloakroom with tiled flooring, first floor master bedroom, two further bedrooms (one with cupboards) and a bathroom with a white suite with bathroom and shower cubicle. Outside the driveway provides ample car parking and there is a detached garage. The gardens are attractive having lawns, a shed, greenhouse, various shrubs and trees and a wide paved patio area and an attractive pond. For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk

Stunning views at country farm near to River Severn

Coppice Farm, at Criggion, near Welshpool, is a four- bedroom country home and equestrian property/artist's retreat. It has a detatched one-bedroom annexe, nine acres of land and three level paddocks. Coppice Farm is located in a picturesque and rural location, not far from the River Severn. It has stunning views of the 900ft high Breidden Hill. The outbuildings house two Monarch Stables and tack room with kitchen. It is on the market at £590,000. Contact Berrys on (01743) 271697.

Four bedroomed detached house in a village location

This four bedroom detached house in Hazeldine Crescent, Shawbury, is for sale for offers in region of £248,950. It is an extremely well presented and extended link detached property. It has a living room, with feature fireplace, modern kitchen/diner, family room, utility, four bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, front & rear gardens and driveway. The property is in a cul de sac which is within walking distance of the centre of the village. There is a junior school close by.
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Modern three-bed terraced bungalow

A spacious three-bedroom terraced bungalow in the popular village of Wigmore has come on to the market at a guide price of £139,950.

The accommodation at 12 Glen view comprises a porch, living room, kitchen with appliances and pantry, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, LPG central heating and double glazing.

There is a front lawn and flowerbeds with a slabbed pathway, while at the back is a lawned garden with a gate to the rear.

The property also has a garage.

Call Farlow Estates on 01584 876333 or visit www.farlowestates.com for details.

Farlow Estates

Spacious family home in 36 acres of land

A spacious detached home with about 36 acres of land in an area of outstanding natural beauty is for sale at £595,000. Hillcrest Farm, Hemford, near Minsterley, also benefits from a garage and range of outbuildings.

It has an entrance lobby, living room, dining room, study, sun room, breakfast kitchen, side entrance lobby/utility, central lobby, double bedroom, single bedroom and bathroom.

On the first floor (currently under completion by the vendors) are three rooms with the potential to become two double bedrooms and a bathroom. Call Samuel Wood on 01588 672728 to view.

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ANNEX
EPC RATING D
OIRO £599,950

Llanfyllin **Cae-clochedd**
4 BED DET HOUSE
OPEN VIEWS
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING C
OIRO £399,950

Dudleston Heath **OakFields Farm**
3 BED DET HOUSE
APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING E
OIRO £389,950

Bronygarth **Penybryn Cottage**
4 BED DET COTTAGE & ANNEX
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING E
OIRO £379,950

Pant **Roann**
4 BED DET HOUSE
SECLUDED LOCATION
EXTENSIVE GARDENS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £369,950

Llanrhaeadr **Dyffryn**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £349,950

Park Hall **South Lodge**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EXTENSIVE GARDENS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £329,950

Oswestry **8 Ardmillan Close**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 BED ANNEX
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £329,950

West Felton **6 Grimpo**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £289,950

Oswestry **2 Hafod Close**
4 BED DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
PLAYROOM
EPC RATING C
OIRO £279,950

Llanfyllin **The Corner House**
8 BEDROOMS
GRADE 2 LISTED
2 BATHROOMS
EPC RATING G
OIRO £275,000

Selattyn **Rock House**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING D
OIRO £259,950

Maesbury **2 Belgrave Place**
4 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING D
OIRO £249,950

Llanrhaeadr **Cefn Glaniwrch**
3 BED DET COTTAGE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OFFERS OVER £212,500

Oswestry **Hillbury**
3 BED DET HOUSE
CONVENIENT LOCATION
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £189,950

Llanymynech **23 Llwyn Perthi**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £184,950

Llangollen **The Orchard**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING E
OIRO £179,950

Pentrecoed **The Cottage**
2 BED DET COTTAGE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ LIVING ROOM
EPC RATING F
OIRO £179,950

Llanymynech **11 Barley Meadows**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING E
OIRO £154,950

Morda, Oswestry **2 Sweeney Drive**
3 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
EN SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
EPC RATING C
OIRO £154,950

Oswestry **Lucknow**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £149,950

Chirk **30 Castle Walks**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GARAGE
EPC RATING C
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry **20 Beech Grove**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £144,950

Oswestry **173 Cabin Lane**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING C
OIRO £144,950

Oswestry **47 Walford Road**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING D
OFFERS OVER £140,000

Oswestry **14 Ambleside Road**
2 BED SEMI DETACHED
NO CHAIN
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £132,500

Oswestry **10 Summerfield Close**
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
DOUBLE GLAZING
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £129,950

Oswestry **2 Gatacre Avenue**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING C
OIRO £124,950

Oswestry **46 Chestnut Avenue**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,950

Oswestry **19 Middleton Close**
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
MASTER BEDROOM EN SUITE
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,950

Oswestry **115 Willow Street**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
ORIGINAL FEATURES
EPC RATING
OIRO £119,950

Oswestry **41 York Street**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING F
OIRO £108,500

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- SURROUNDING VILLAGES.
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LLANFYLLIN

- Delightful Mid Terrace Cottage
- One/Two Bedrooms
- EPC E
- Beamed Ceilings
- Wood Burning Stove
- Courtyard Garden

£115,000

OSWESTRY

- Delightful End of Terrace
- Cottage Style
- Victorian Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Enclosed Garden

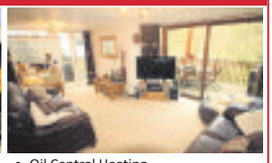
£139,950

FOUR CROSSES

- 2 Bed Mid Mews House
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Gas CH & uPVC DG
- Section 106 Applies
- EPC Rating = 82 (B)

£118,000

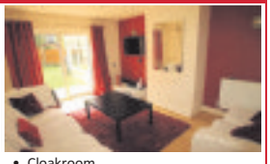
GLYN CEIRIOG



- NO CHAIN!!
- End of Terrace Cottage
- Rear Garden with Decked Patio
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing. EPC E
- Three Bedrooms

Offers in the region of £144,000

OSWESTRY



- Spacious Semi-Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Kitchen Diner
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking

£144,950

OSWESTRY

- Sought After Location
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Outskirts of Oswestry
- Views Across Countryside
- Well Kept Gardens with stream
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory and Utility
- Master Bedroom En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Double Garage/Workshop
- Outsubuildings
- uPVC Double Glazing

£245,000

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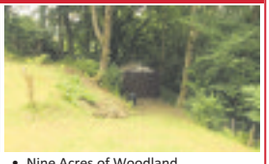
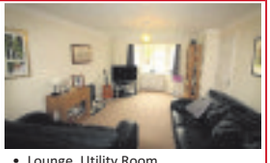


- Delightful Two Bedroom
- Detached Cottage
- Fantastic Scope
- Nine Acres of Woodland
- Lime Kiln, Trout Stream, Bat Cave
- Detached Garage. EPC E

£200,000

MORDA, OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- One En-Suite. EPC C
- Lounge, Utility Room
- Lawned Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking

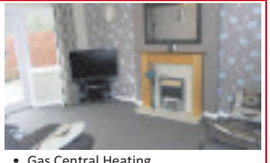
Offers in the region of £197,995

LLANSILIN

- Charming Cottage
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Adjoining Barn
- Utility & W.C.
- Enclosed Garden
- Study/Nursery. EPC F

£179,500

OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Home
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite, W.C. & Utility
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Spacious Accommodation

£209,950

MAESBURY MARSH

- Three Bedrooms
- Dormer Bungalow
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- Landscaped Gardens

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PARK HALL

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Countryside Location
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- Large Low Maintenance Gardens

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- Family Home
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- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Utility
- Conservatory

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- Close to all Major Road Networks
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC double glazing

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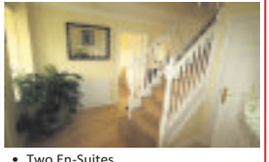
- Gas central heating
- Many character & period features
- Sought after location
- Well presented & spacious
- Viewing is a must

£249,950

QUEENS HEAD



- Four Bedroom Detached
- Executive Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two En-Suites
- Study
- Double Garage

Offers in the region of £325,000

NR CORWEN

- Detached farmhouse
- 4 bedrooms
- Solar panels & double glazing
- Many character features

£350,000

LLANFYLLIN

- Delightful Detached Cottage
- Magnificent Views
- Set in 4.6 Acres
- Many Original Features

£475,000

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- Building Plot
- Full Planning Permission
- For Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedroom Detached

£75,000

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- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential Building Plot
- Close to Local Amenities

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GLYN CEIRIOG

- A Delightful Mid Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Stunning Views. EPC G.
- Many Original Features

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- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good size gardens
- Timber garden shed and driveway providing off-road parking
- Electric storage heaters throughout. EPC Rating D

NEW

Albert Terrace
Weston Rhyn **£139,995**

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom End-Terrace Cottage
- Renovated throughout yet retains a host of original features
- Offers the potential for a separate 1 bedroom ground floor annex
- Ent Porch, En Hall, open plan Living/Dining/Kitchen
- Separate Studio/Utility with adjoining ground floor Bathroom/Bedrm
- (potential to convert into annex), 3 1st floor Bedrooms & Bathrm
- Low maintenance gardens & parking. D/G & Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

NEW

College Road
Oswestry **£107,000**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property
- The property has been modernised throughout
- Excellent fitted Kitchen, large Lounge, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size gardens to front & rear with designated off-road parking
- The potential to create additional parking or garaging
- uPVC double glazing and Gas central heating. EPC Rating

NEW

Milars Field
Morda **£149,950**

- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Bungalow
- Situated in an elevated position overlooking open countryside
- Constructed in 2008 & has been maintained to the highest standards
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, fully fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom and 2 Bedrooms. private rear garden & parking
- uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating C

NEW

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- Deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Townhouse
- Situated within walking distance of Oswestry town centre.
- Views of Cae Glas Park and off-road parking.
- Good size rooms along with a number of original features.
- Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch/Utility Room
- 1st Flr Bedroom & Bathroom, 2nd Flr Bedroom & adjoining Nursery/Study
- Lawned garden& patio to rear, driveway parking to front. Gas C/H, EPC Rating E

NEW

Yew Tree Drive
Whittington **£199,995**

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Standing in a generous corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac location
- Entrance Porch, Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good size gardens to rear & side
- Large paved patio providing an outdoor entertainment area
- Large driveway, garage, timber garden shed & greenhouse
- Double glazing and Gas central heating. EPC Rating D

Berwyn Drive
St Martins **£189,995**

- A spacious and well presented Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location close to village centre
- Ground Floor Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom
- A Bedroom that could be used as a Dining Room/Study
- 2 further Bedrooms on the first floor
- Good size corner plot with well maintained gardens & off-road parking
- Double glazing, gutters and fascia boards, Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

Park Terrace
Oswestry **£110,000**

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Situated in an excellent location within walking distance of the town
- The property has been maintained to the highest of standards
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally there is enclosed rear garden
- Gas fired central heating & D/G windows throughout. EPC Rating E

NEW PRICE

Cae Onan
Morda **£197,995**

- Spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Rear garden, integral garage & off-road parking
- Gas C/H, and uPVC D/G throughout. EPC Rating C

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- Potential for Refurbishment
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas C/H, Double Glazing
- EPC Rating F
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LOT 2 AUCTION

Arddleen **POWYS**
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- A piece of amenity land extending to approx.1.0 acres
- Contains a range of tree varieties with small water course
- Storage Shed
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- 3 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms
- 2 conservatory's, modern fitted bath/shower room
- Double garage with first floor space
- EPC Rating E
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LOT 5 AUCTION

Glyndyfrdwy **CORWEN**
Guide Price **Over £50,000**

- Single Building Plot
- Approx 280 Square Metres
- Outline Planning Permission for detached dwelling house
- Just Five Miles From Llangollen
- Delightful views
- Contact Llangollen Office

LOT 6 AUCTION

Queens Rd **OSWESTRY**
Guide Price £375,000–£425,000

- Detached late Victorian Family home
- 5 Beds, 3 Reception Rooms, Established Gardens
- Sought after location, 5 mins walk from town centre
- EPC Rating F
- Contact Oswestry Office

LOT 7 AUCTION

Whittington Rd **OSWESTRY**
Guide Price **Over £70,000**

- Spacious end terrace property
- Dining Area, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- GCH and DG windows
- Oak Stripped Flooring (where stated)
- EPC Rating E
- Contact Oswestry Office

LOT 8 AUCTION

Rhosymadoc **WREXHAM**
Guide Price **Over £200,000**

An extremely rare opportunity for a 'Grand Design' having outline planning permission for the demolition of the existing bungalow and its replacement with a single two-storey dwelling.

- EPC Rating G
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 9 AUCTION

Glyndyfrdwy **CORWEN**
Guide Price **Over £50,000**

- Unique Cottage offering many attractive features
- Occupying a picturesque location
- Comprising: Living Rm, Dining Rm
- Shower Room, Three Bedrooms
- EPC Rating G
- Contact Llangollen Office

LOT 10 AUCTION

Bronygarth **OSWESTRY**
Guide Price **Over £225,000**

A truly unique opportunity to purchase a Country Cottage together with 2.6 acres of woodland all situated in an idyllic country setting with open views towards Chirk Castle, the Ceiriog Valley and the Shropshire Plain.

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A wonderful detached extended and renovated cottage overlooking the River Tanat and situated in the picturesque Tanat valley. The property sits in approximately 3 acres with stable block, paddock, fishing rights, garage. Hall/Boot Room, Kitchen, Pantry, Dining Room, Lounge, Hallway, WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom. EPC D.

Fishers Cottage, Llanyblodwel
Price: Offers in Region of £349,950
Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

OC3978

Set in the heart of a Shropshire hamlet this delightful family home has been extended and tastefully renovated to provide a character home which is complimented by contemporary interiors and luxury fixtures. Equestrian enthusiasts will note the excellent facilities and garden enthusiasts will appreciate the grounds whilst the property also provides a beautiful family home. EPC Rating D.

Stone House, Hengoed
Price: £750,000
Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

OC3961

A spectacular Grade II listed 4 bedroom barn conversion located in the highly desirable village of Knockin. One of the largest barn conversions in Shropshire it boasts a stunning entrance hall and oak galleried landing providing outstanding views over Rodney's Pillar, Knockin Telescope and the Llanymynech Hills. This well designed interior provides a a lovely family home. EPC Rating D.

Knockin, Nr Shrewsbury
Price: £550,000
Contact Oswestry

OC3968

Set in approximately 10 acres in the delightful Ceiriog Valley this unique property boasts spectacular exposed caverns providing a magnificent backdrop to the appealing detached cottage set within the grounds. This property will be of undoubted appeal to those seeking a unique home or those with particular outdoor interests. We understand that the property once benefitted from PP for an outdoor activity centre. EPC F.

Coed-Y-Glyn Uchaf, Nr Glyn Ceiriog
Price: £450,000
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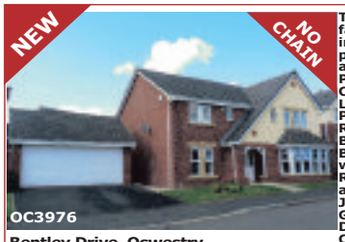

NEW NO CHAIN

OC3976

This spacious detached family home is situated in a sought after and popular residential area. Covered Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Sitting Room/ Playroom, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Bathroom, Bedroom Two with Ensuite Shower Room, Bedroom Three and Four served by Jack and Jill Bathroom, Gardens, Parking, Detached Double Garage. CH & DG. EPC Rating D.

Bentley Drive, Oswestry
Price: £284,950
Contact Oswestry

NEW

This NON ESTATE detached and attractive 4 bedroomed home has had only one careful owner since it was built in 2003. It is located overlooking countryside on the outskirts of Llanymynech opposite the Montgomery Canal, and close to Offa's Dyke, Llanymynech Hill, Llynclys Common and Rodneys Pillar. The property needs to be viewed to be appreciated. Current EPC Rating C.

Breidden View, Wern, Llanymynech
Price: Offers over £229,995
Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

OC3982

This three bedroom semi detached family home benefits from South Facing rear gardens, is warmed by gas fired central heating and has UPVC double glazed windows. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Pantry and Store, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Outside Garden Store, Workshop, Outside WC, Front Garden, Parking, Rear Garden, Vegetable Patch. EPC TBC.

Cherry Tree Drive, Oswestry
Price: £129,950
Contact Oswestry

NEW

OC3779

This three bedroom mid terrace semi rural family home has been extended to provide spacious living accommodation. the property is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. The accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Family Kitchen, Utility Room and Office, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Lovely Rear Garden and Tree House. EPC D.

Y Berllan, Llangedwyn
Price: £149,950
Contact Oswestry

NEW

OC3966

This three bedroom end of terrace family home is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location and back out onto open countryside. The property benefits from a delightful conservatory and cottage gardens. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and has UPVC double glazing. Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Large Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garage/Utility, Lovely Gardens, Parking. EPC Rating D.

The Meads, Weston Rhyn
Price: £124,950
Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

This three bedroom mid terrace home was built in 1899 and boats many original features from the Victorian era. Elegant Reception Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room/ Dining Room, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garden. The property is warmed by central heating and benefits from double glazed windows. Located within a lovely area of similar style properties and overlooks a Green. EPC E.

Lloyd Street, Oswestry
Price: £139,950
Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

OC3965

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached barn with FULL PLANNING PERMISSION. Dwelling home set in 1.5 acres. 'Conversion of redundant barn to one dwelling to include erection of two-storey rear extension; change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage; erection of replacement garage and replacement workshop; replacement roof to outbuilding; installation of package treatment plant'. 14/00196/FUL

Barn, Tower Hill, Selattyn
Price: Offers over £155,000
Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

OC3967

A three bedroom semi detached family home situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village. This property is warmed by central heating and benefits from double glazing. Reception Hall, WC, Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Two further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Parking for Three Cars, Garage, Front Garden, Rear Garden. EPC C.

Berllan Deg, Llansantffraid
Price: £149,950
Contact Oswestry

NEW

OC3977

This delightful character cottage is situated in a most enchanting rural position, secluded but not isolated. Offering three bedrooms, three reception rooms and a potential annexe (subject to planning consent). The grounds extend to 4.5 acres and offer excellent equestrian features, accompanied with the well established cottage gardens, this property with undoubtedly be of interest to keen gardeners and those with equestrian interests.

Pen Y Parc, Moelfre
Price: £415,000
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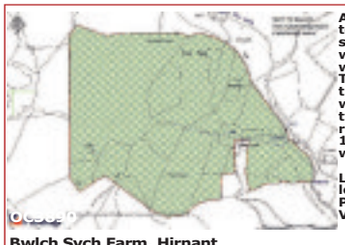

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a traditional stone built farmhouse which sits centrally within its 160 acres. The property offers a traditional farmhouse with two bedrooms and two reception rooms, a range of outbuildings, 160 acres of pasture and woodland.

Located in a lovely location between Penybontfawr and Lake Vyrnwy.

Bwlch Sych Farm, Hirnant
Price: Offers in Region of £750,000
Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

OC3980

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a country cottage which has been extended to provide a delightful family home. This former chapel is situated is a lovely semi rural location in a popular hamlet with countryside walks on the doorstep. With lovely South Facing views across the open countryside this property must be viewed to be appreciated. In need of some modernisation but does have the benefit of UPVC DG & CH. EPC G.

The Cottage, Hengoed
Price: Offers over £200,000
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NEW NO CHAIN

OC3963

An attractive and imposing Victorian family home offers spacious accommodation which has been updated to a high standard throughout. Character and Charm in Each Room. Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Drawing Room, Style Kitchen Breakfast Room, Utility, Dining Room, Study, Bathroom, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Garden, Parking. EPC E

The Temperance House, Gobowen
Price: £242,000
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NEW NO CHAIN

OC3974

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached cottage situated in a rural location with open country views with 2 acres of pasture land. The house is bright and airy and comprises two large reception rooms, kitchen dining room, utility room and cloakroom, master bedroom with ensuite and three further bedrooms served by a family bathroom. The grounds have been landscaped, parking, double garage, cottage gardens. EPC Rating D.

Magnolia Cottage, Hengoed
Price: £495,000
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NEW NO CHAIN

OC3964

This end of terrace two bedroom property provides an ideal opportunity for an investment or first time purchaser. Located within walking distance to Oswestry Town with the added benefit of gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazed windows. Lounge Dining Room, Rear Entrance Hall, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Front Garden and Rear Yard. Available for sale with NO CHAIN.

Eden Street, Oswestry
Price: £89,950
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- An individual four bedroom detached house
- 3 receptions, fitted kitchen, utility and cloakroom
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- Recently installed family bathroom
- Oil-fired heating, double glazing
- EPC Rating = TBC

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24 Garden Village, St Martins

- Semi detached house on quiet cul-de-sac
- Two receptions, fitted kitchen and cloaks
- Three bedrooms and fitted bathroom
- Double glazing, gas-fired central heating
- Views over open countryside to rear
- Well served local village, EPC Rating = 49 (E)

Oswestry Office 01691 679595 **£130,000**

46 Upper Church Street, Oswestry **£99,950**

- Mid terrace town cottage
- Attractive double glazed conservatory
- Lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom
- Double bedroom. Double glazing
- Well maintained accommodation
- Private enclosed rear courtyard
- EPC Rating = 52 (E)

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Carneddau Chapel, Trefonen
Guide Price: £30,000
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION on 25th September at 2pm, at Welshpool Livestock Sales

- Attached Former Chapel
- Potential conversion (subject to planning)
- Central village location. Approx 4 miles from Oswestry
- Of interest to builders/developers. Inspection recommended

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11 Friars Close, Oswestry
Guide Price: £100,000
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION on 25th September at 2pm, at Welshpool Livestock Sales

- An extended semi-detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom
- Side driveway and detached garage
- Requiring updating and modernisation
- D/Glazed. Gas C/H. EPC Rating = 68 (D)

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Land at Melverley, Nr Oswestry
Guide Price: £130,000
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION on 25th September at 2pm, at Welshpool Livestock Sales

- 6.11 ha (15.09 acres) of Pasture Land
- Roadside location between Kinnerley & Melverley
- Mains water on-site
- Gated approach off the adopted roadway
- Previously utilised for grazing livestock

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Land at Pentre, Nesscliffe
Guide Price: £200,000
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION on 25th September at 2pm, at Welshpool Livestock Sales

- 9.63 ha (23.71 acres) Pasture Land
- Roadside location between Wilcot & Pentre
- Mains water on-site. Close to A5 Trunk Rd
- Well fenced and stock proof
- Suitable for arable rotations if required

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The Haw, Penybontfawr **£225,000**

- An individual detached house
- Spacious entrance hall
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- Double garage
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- Energy efficiency rating = 67

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- Master En-suite. 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom
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- Attached Garage. Enclosed garden
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1 Bronwylfa Road, Welshpool **£139,950**

- End Terrace 3 Bedroom House
- Sitting Room with gas fire, Dining Room
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- Ample lawns. Potential off road parking
- Energy efficiency rating = 63

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20 Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

- Modern 2 Bed Semi-Detached House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen, Separate W.C
- Town gas heating, Double glazed
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- Energy efficiency rating = 65

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- Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed
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- Open views to front to wood and farm land
- Energy efficiency rating = 71

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- 2 Receptions, Sun Room. Kitchen, Utility Area, Sep W.C.
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- Three Bedroom Cottage/Attached Annexe
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- EPC Band - F

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- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Cul De Sac Location
- EPC Band D

JJD814

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PARK HALL, NR. OSWESTRY

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- Two Bedrooms
- Large Attractive Garden
- Garage & Parking
- Occupying Quiet Position
- EPC Band - D

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OSWESTRY

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- Dining Room
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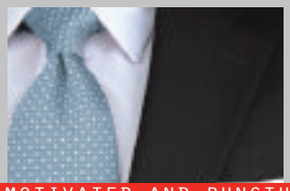

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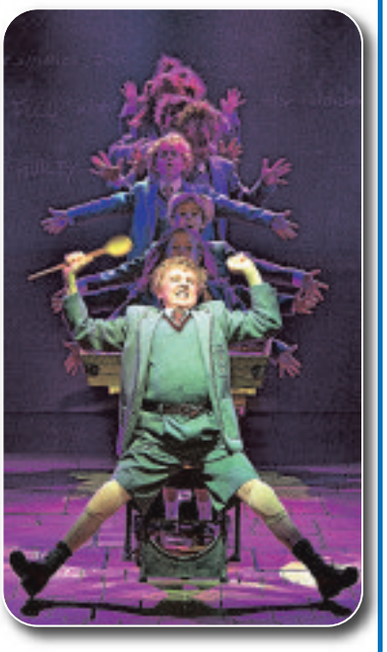

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The parade of vintage vehicles makes its way around the arena at Montgomery Show

There was lots of fine produce on display at Montgomery Show on Saturday

This shot by photographer Bob Greaves shows the crowds at Montgomery

Eight year old Ella Brook tries out the climbing wall

Best ever town show

by Nathan Rowden

ORGANISERS of Saturday's Montgomery Show claim the 120th event was probably the best ever.

The show was held at Lymore Meadow, with organisers saying it was the biggest and best the town has ever held before and said it was a roaring success.

The dry sunny weather helped the event go with a bang on Saturday.

Attractions at the show included a dog show, children's sports, falconry display and circus skills workshops, alomg side the usual animal sections - all keeping the large crowd occupied.

The show was also celebrating 55 years since the Mini came into production and there was a large amount of the historic British cars lined up for people to look around with owners bring their vehicles to the town from all over the country.

Another show highlight was the annual potato in a bucket competition which provided plenty of light hearted entertainment.

Ruth Witherington, show spokeswoman, said: "It was an absolutely brilliant show and there were just hundreds of people in attendance, all enjoying the beautiful weather and the attractions that were on display to keep them, occupied during the day.

"There was something for all the family as usual and the streets were packed before everybody headed down to Lymore Meadow.

"The show was brilliant, better than ever.

"Everything went really well and pretty much all the things we had here proved to be very popular.

"The food tent was brilliant as well as a jousting horse game where the prizes were real mice."

Mrs Witherington had to take the role as show president on the day as Trevor Pugh, who is the actual show president was in hospital.

How big is that? Six year old Ruby Evans looks up

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Bizarre looking giants of the invertebrate world

ON THE WILDSIDE
with Ben Waddams

I RECENTLY mentioned the curious quirk of zoological misnomers; top of my list, the (neither) slow (nor) worm of our only native legless lizard.

But I also mentioned that mid-summer is truly THE time for insects and bringing together these two lines of thought is the mighty Elephant Hawkmoth.

Moths are generally drab affairs with the odd specimen exhibiting interesting and occasionally beautiful cryptic patterns, but nonetheless with the overall theme of 'brown'. Certainly there are lighter colours and darker ones but none quite match the audaciousness of the pinks and greens of the Elephant Hawkmoth.

So, misnomers. Why elephant and why hawk? The first is completely unapparent when looking at the brash adult moths, after all what possible connection to elephants is there in the colours pink and green and the moth's simple arrow shape? None. The answer becomes more apparent, in fact quite charmingly so, when we go back a couple of steps and look at the caterpillars. These giants of the Salopian invertebrate world are truly bizarre looking. No mere browns or sap greens for bog-standard camouflage here, but a wonderfully purple back with speckles of blue and dark spots tingled with blue, yellow and white.

The tail has a soft spike on the end and the head, at first seeming round in fact has an extendible 'trunk' around the mouth parts. This is where the moth gets part of its name and I think it's a rather enchanting characteristic. The reason I mention it now is that these caterpillars can be found at exactly this time of the year and although those colours above mentioned may not seem perfectly camouflaged, you certainly will have to look hard to spot them amongst the leaf litter.

It is also said of the caterpillars, mainly by people trying to match species with name, that when it is threatened by predators, it retracts its so-called trunk and swells the dark blotches or eye spots, making the front of the body seem more like an elephant's head. I'm happy just to stick to the trunk. When fully grown the caterpillar moves down to the ground to pupate. It remains in this state until the following spring (around May) when it emerges as an adult moth.

The hawk bit might be slightly less apparent. It simply refers to the flying ability of these moths. They can fly up to 15mph, are large in size and have the ability to hover. I might also add that the phrase 'eyes like a hawk' is not entirely lost upon the Elephant Hawkmoth. They have excellent sight and are able to see in colour even in total darkness. Look for the moths themselves by night when they'll be feeding on honeysuckle, valerian and petunias.

Ben's original artworks hang in Callaghan's Fine Paintings, Shrewsbury.

The mighty Elephant Hawkmoth

Victims to decide punishments of county criminals

VICTIMS of crime in Shropshire will be asked to decide how offenders should be punished, under new rules being drawn up.

Injured parties will be offered a list of retributions – and will be able to pick how they would like to see justice done.

Bill Longmore, police and crime commissioner for West Mercia, today revealed he is seeking people's views on which punishments should be included in the Community Remedy Document.

And from October, victims will be offered the list of options by a police officer when a conditional caution or a community resolution is deemed the best way to deal with the crime.

Proposed punishments to choose from include face-to-face talks between the victim and the perpetrator with the help of a mediator.

And neighbourhood justice panels when the criminal, the victim and members of the community agree on a suitable payback could also be an option.

Other ideas include a written or verbal apology from the offender, paying damages or unpaid work.

Acceptable behaviour contracts, alcohol or drug treatment and anger management courses will also be an option.

The new scheme, part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, is aimed at helping victims get justice quickly and making sure offenders face immediate and meaningful consequences of their actions.

Mr Longmore said: "It has always been my intention to put victims at the very heart of the criminal justice system and this new legislation allows me to do just that.

"It is important that as many people as possible play their part in helping to shape a more locally-driven and victim-centred approach to criminal justice, and one that makes offenders payback directly to those who they have offended against."

Mr Longmore's strategies are known for being victim focused and last year he defended West Mercia Police's policy of handing bouquets to victims of burglaries and muggings.

At said: "The money for the flowers comes from the police community fund, a charity which officers pay a small fee to out of their pay check.

"I don't think it's a bad idea but the point is where do you stop – you can't give out flowers to victims of every crime.

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New lease of life for top Italian restaurant

The revamped Pizza 24 restaurant in Oswestry

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A long-established restaurant in Oswestry town centre has been given a new lease of life after being taken over by a local couple and completely refurbished.

Peter and Lisa Richardson, of Ellesmere, have bought Pizza Two Four, in Leg Street, and are extending the opening hours and taking on new staff as they look to take it back to its heyday.

Mrs Richardson, 40, said a new daytime menu of luxury sandwiches, salads and cakes would be introduced, with the pizza and pasta restaurant continuing to open every evening.

The menu has been completely changed and everything is freshly prepared

"Everyone we speak to has a story to tell about Pizza Two Four which is lovely. It first opened in 1980 and so many people seem to have had a memorable night in there at one time or another, whether it was for a hen night, divorce party or something else.

"Everyone's got fond memories of Pizza 24 and we want to get it back to how its was.

"We are excited about helping to create more memorable nights and are looking forward to turning it into a really fun, busy place."

"We want it to be a real family place where you can go to relax and be comfortable."

The restaurant has undergone a full revamp, including new furniture and decorations and is now open after seeing the doors closed for three weeks.

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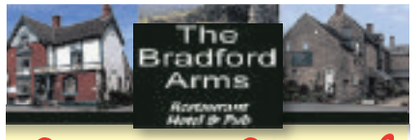

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GIG GUIDE

Little Red Bird to land on the outdoor stage

HIGH flying duo, Little Red Bird are back in Oswestry this week, landing on the outdoor stage at The Fox Inn on Friday.

Made up of Louisa Jones and Matt Morris, the pair plays an addictive mix of bluegrass, folk and Americana that will get stuck in your head for days.

The duo will be looking to put you under their spell with their sweet harmonies, with both Louisa and Matt handling vocals.

Filling out the rhythm section this week will be the excellent Rick Buck on double bass, while Matt strums away on guitar or banjo.

You can expect plenty of original material off their first album 'Back to Bone', as well as some unique and inspired takes on classic tracks.

It's not just the music that makes Little Red Bird such a great live act, as they enjoy having a friendly chat and a bit of a laugh with the audience in between songs.

The gig starts at 9pm

Meanwhile tonight (Thursday) Llansilin will be transported to the heart of the bayou as Cajun music extraordinaires, Sheryl and Russell Cormier will be performing at the Tynewydd Barn.

Little Red Bird will perform in Oswestry

Hailing from Lafayette, Louisiana the couple play some of the hottest Cajun music the state has to offer.

Backed by The Flatville Aces, Sheryl propels the music forward with her intense accordion playing, conjuring up the spirits of legendary players like Aldus Rogers, Nathan Abshire and Lawrence Walker.

The event is being held to raise funds for the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith PTFA and is sure to be a unique experience. The gig starts at 8pm with tickets costing £10.

If you're looking for something to do in Welshpool on Friday night, then head over to The Royal Oak as Dangerous Dave Rea will be performing an acoustic set.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES

4792 gives a French city,
61669 gives another French city,
835632 gives another French city.

Your time:

X is to Y

2

1. £5 Note is to Elizabeth Fry as £10 Note is to ? EDWARD ELGAR, MICHAEL FARADAY, CHARLES DARWIN, ADAM SMITH, GEORGE STEPHENSON

2. Kimberley is to Diamonds as Coober Pedy is to ? AGATES, GARNETS, OPALS, RUBIES

3. Mars Attacks! is to Jack Nicholson as Deep Impact is to ? CLINT EASTWOOD, HENRY FONDA, HARRISON FORD, MORGAN FREEMAN, BILL PULLMAN

Your time:

Mindbender

4

Andrew is cycling from his house to meet Laura at her house. If he cycles at 20mph, he'll arrive four minutes earlier than if he cycles 2 mph slower. How far away does Andrew live from Laura?

Your time:

Mirror Image

1

Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?

A

B

C

D

Your time:

Split Decision

3

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

F/B	W/L	A/P	N/X	R/D
R/O		I/V		H/O
O/L	E/V	A/L	S/R	Y/T
W/T		L/I		O/E
S/N	X/Y	L/S	U/O	R/N

Your time:

IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. The three children had their marbles spread out on the floor when Jane looked in. 'What a lot!' she exclaimed. 'How many have you got there?'
Betty smiled. 'Gwen and I together have seventy-three,' she replied. 'But Andy and Gwen have only sixty-two.'
Andy looked up. 'That's right,' he said. 'And Betty and I total sixty-five.'
How many did Andy have?

2. The boy undid the wrapping on the present. 'A goldfish, Dad,' he exclaimed. 'It must have cost a lot.'
Dad smiled. 'Not too much. If the fish had been a pound more it would have cost three times as much as the bowl. If the bowl had been fifty pennies less it would have been a quarter the price of the goldfish.'
What had been the total cost?

3. 'Don't forget you're meeting my mother this afternoon,' said Susan. 'What time's her train due?'
John smiled. 'You should know that,' he told her. 'Well, three quarters of the time from then till midnight will equal six-sevenths of the time from noon till then.'
What time was it?

SUDOKU

		7				6		
			4	6	5			
6		5		3		2		8
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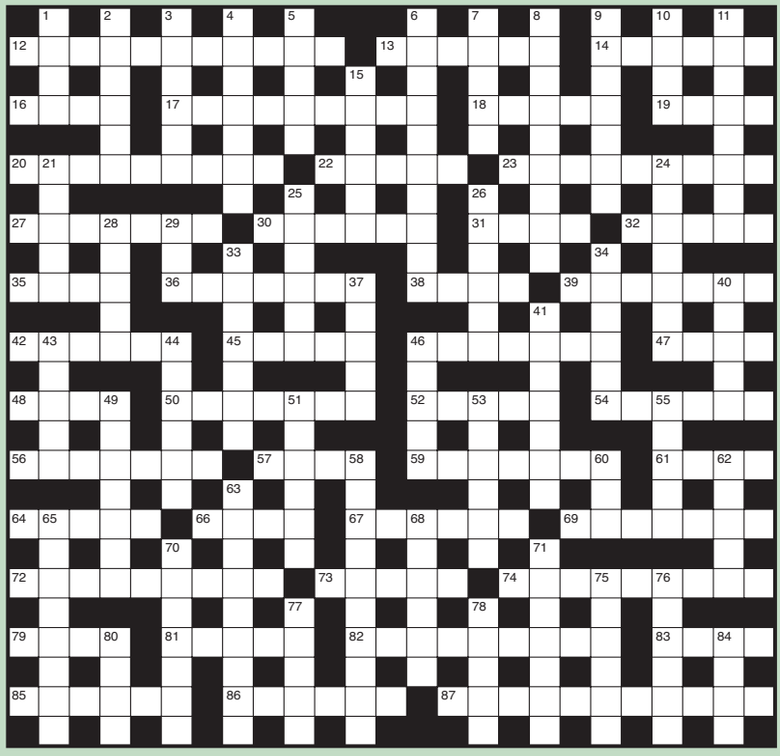
CROSSWORD



ACROSS

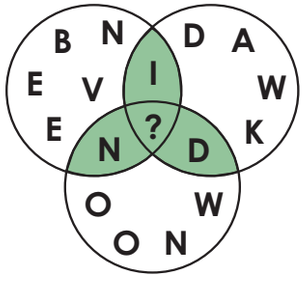
12 Didn't excite (4,3,4)
13 Accusation (6)
14 Youngster (6)
16 Intend (4)
17 Angry (7,2)
18 Fly (5)
19 Appropriated (4)
20 Tired (6,3)
22 Seat (5)
23 Attacks (4,5)
27 Bird (7)
30 Show (6)
31 Measure (4)
32 Shouted (5)
35 Heaven (4)
36 Mistake (7)
38 Undiluted (4)
39 Wine (7)
42 Dog (6)
45 Recorded (5)
46 Engulf (7)
47 Stand (4)
48 Tolerable (4)
50 Basket (7)
52 Crawl (5)
54 Knocked (6)
56 Twinkle (7)
57 Bites (4)
59 Propose (7)
61 Bag (4)
64 Madness (5)
66 Man's name (4)
67 Female name (6)
69 Material (7)
72 Usually (9)
73 Loose (5)
74 Stone (9)
79 Cease (4)
81 Subterfuge (5)
82 Paint (9)
83 Skip (4)
85 Preserve (6)
86 Caught (6)
87 Flower (6-2-3)

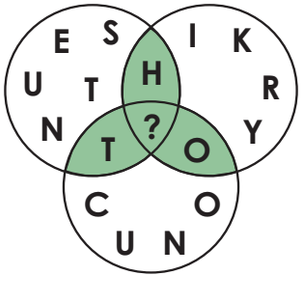
DOWN

1 Properly (4)
2 Mean (6)
3 New (6)
4 Was temperamental (5,2)
5 Blaze (5)
6 Dejected (10)
7 First-class (5)
8 Gem (4,5)
9 Great (7)
10 Notice (4)
11 Determined (8)
15 Counsel (6)
21 Landowner (5)
24 Pub worker (7)
25 Delayed (4,2)
26 Sweet wine (6)
28 Ministers (5)
29 Steal (3)
33 Horse (7)
34 Sprinkle (6)
37 Addition (5)
40 Jiffy (5)
41 Slid (7)
43 Whatsoever (2,3)
44 Crackerjack (6)
46 Draws in (5)
49 Welcome (7)
51 Foolishness (6)
53 Drink (6)
55 Pillars (5)
58 Usual fare (6,4)
60 Draw (3)
62 Stroke (5)
63 Very bright (9)
65 Opening (8)
68 For fear (2,4)
70 Game (7)
71 Storm (7)
75 Scold (6)
76 Digit (6)
77 Dame Sitwell? (5)
78 Devil (5)
80 Equal (4)
84 Leisurely (4)

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?





ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

R	A	T	T	Y
T	R	E	A	L
R	A	I	T	A
T	A	R	E	T
S	T	E	A	L

			T	
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	T			
		A		
E				

SOLUTIONS

Brain Training
9-er
9-letter word: INOCULATE. Caen, Lille, Toulon.
X is to Y
1. Charles Darwin, 2. Opals, 3. Morgan Freeman.
Mirror Image
C is the mirror image.
Split Decision >

B	L	A	N	D
R		V		O
O	V	A	R	Y
W		I		E
N	Y	L	O	N

Crossword
ACROSS: 12 Left one cold. 13 Charge. 14 Nipper. 16 Plan. 17 Steamed up. 18 Midge. 19 Took. 20 Played out. 22 Divan. 23 Sets about. 27 Bittern. 30 Reveal. 31 Acre. 32 Cried. 35 Eden. 36 Blunder. 38 Neat. 39 Chianti. 42 Basset. 45 Taped. 46 Swallow. 47 Dais. 48 Fair. 50 Pannier. 52 Creep. 54 Rapped. 56 Flicker. 57 Nips. 59 Suggest. 61 Sack. 64 Mania. 66 Eric. 67 Alison. 69 Hessian. 72 Generally. 73 Slack. 74 Carbuncle. 79 Stop. 81 Blind. 82 Distemper. 83 Miss. 85 Freeze. 86 Netted. 87 Forget-me-not.
DOWN: 1 Well. 2 Stingy. 3 Unused. 4 Acted up. 5 Flame. 6 Chapfallen. 7 Prime. 8 Seed pearl. 9 Intense. 10 Spot. 11 Resolute. 15 Advice. 21 Laird. 24 Barmaid. 25 Held up. 26 Malaga. 28 Tends. 29 Rob. 33 Mustang. 34 Shower. 37 Rider. 40 Trice. 41 Slipped. 43 At all. 44 Topper. 46 Sucks. 49 Receive. 51 Idiocy. 53 Eggnog. 55 Posts. 58 Staple diet. 60 Tie. 62 Crawl. 63 Brilliant. 65 Aperture. 68 In case. 70 Marbles. 71 Rampage. 75 Berate. 76 Number. 77 Edith. 78 Demon. 80 Peer. 84 Slow.

Impossipuzzles
1. Andy had 27 marbles; 2. Goldfish £2, bowl £1, total £3; 3. Time, 5.36 p.m.

Circlegram
A: The letter represented by the question mark is S. Ben Nevis, Skiddaw, Snowdon, all British mountains.
B: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Chestnut, hickory, coconut, all types of nut.

Alphamuddle
State, Tetra, Attar, Trail, Early.

Sudoku

3	1	7	9	8	2	6	4	5
2	8	9	4	6	5	7	3	1
6	4	5	7	3	1	2	9	8
8	7	4	2	9	3	1	5	6
1	9	2	6	5	8	3	7	4
5	3	6	1	7	4	9	8	2
7	5	8	3	1	6	4	2	9
4	6	3	5	2	9	8	1	7
9	2	1	8	4	7	5	6	3

SATURDAY

Pointless Celebrities
5.40pm
Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as various musicians including Mark King and Toyah Willcox, Carol Decker and Limahl, Dave Hill and Dave Bartram and Antony Costa and Scott Robinson take to the podiums in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz.

Proms Extra
7pm
Jazz singer Clare Teal chats about her role in the Battle of the Bands concert, which featured music from the swing era of the 1930s and 40s. Plus, Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra conductor Sascha Goetzel and composer Mark-Anthony Turnage also join Katie.

Tipping Point: Lucky Stars
7.45pm
Comedienne Jo Brand, former England rugby union player Ben Cohen and Dragons' Den investor Kelly Hoppen take turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to scoop the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice.

Grand Designs
8pm
Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Brighton couple Daren Howarth and Adi Nortje, who want to build an earth-sheltered home from recycled materials, based on ideas pioneered in New Mexico in the 1970s. However, land prices and planning laws have forced the pair out of England and into Brittany.

Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours
11.10pm
Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd separates fact from fiction as he investigates the cases of celebrities who died unexpectedly, beginning with pop superstar Michael Jackson, who left $400million in debts after his sudden death at 50 in 2009.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen. Including additional recipes from Rick Stein and Rachel Khoo.
11.30 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's action, including the Premier League match between Tottenham Hotspur and Queens Park Rangers.
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix – Qualifying.** Suzi Perry introduces live coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season takes place (Start-time 1.00pm).
2.20 **Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final.** Castleford Tigers v Leeds Rhinos (Kick-off 3.00pm). Mark Chapman introduces coverage of the showpiece occasion at Wembley Stadium, as the successors to Wigan Warriors are decided. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
5.20 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.40 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as various musicians including Carol Decker and Antony Costa take to the podiums in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz.
6.30 **Tumble.** The celebrities tackle trampolining and rhythmic gymnastics with a twist, before the two lowest-scoring contestants face The Vault. The Saturdays perform a medley of their hits.
7.50 **Doctor Who.** New series. The Time Lord – now played by Peter Capaldi – arrives in Victorian London and finds a dinosaur causing havoc, as well as a spate of deadly spontaneous combustions.
9.10 **Casualty.** Zoe is feeling the pressure of reaching her 40th birthday and finds unexpected support in the form of an ex- patient. Cal steals Ethan's proposal idea, but Lily is determined to reveal the truth to Connie. Meanwhile, the competitive duo treat a man who has struck by a falling crate, and when a routine CT-scan picks up a pre-existing condition and his son suffers an allergic reaction, alarm bells are sounded.
10.00 **The National Lottery Live.** The all-important winning numbers are revealed.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Everton v Arsenal at Goodison Park and Chelsea v Leicester City at Stamford Bridge; **National Lottery Update.**
11.50 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Ipswich Town v Norwich City.
1.10 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.15 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.35 **Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix – First Practice.** Lee McKenzie introduces action from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season takes place.
8.15 **Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix – Second Practice.** Lee McKenzie introduces highlights from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season takes place.
9.55 **Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix – Third Practice.** Coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit.
11.10 **Coast.** Neil Oliver explores Worm's Head on the Gower Peninsula. (R)
11.30 **The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice.** An interview with the baker who was eliminated on Wednesday. (R)
12.00 **David Lean: Talking Pictures.** An insight into the life of the film director.
12.40 FILM: **In Which We Serve (1942).** The survivors of a maritime disaster recall their adventures as they cling to the wreckage. Second World War drama, starring Noel Coward, John Mills and Richard Attenborough.
2.30 **Escape to the Country.** Properties in Warwickshire. (R)
3.00 **Flog It!** From Bangor, north Wales. (R)
4.00 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.30 **Triathlon.** The ITU World Series meeting from Stockholm.
7.00 **Proms Extra.** Jazz singer Clare Teal chats about her role in the Battle of the Bands concert, and Katie Derham is also joined by conductor Sascha Goetzel and composer Mark-Anthony Turnage.
7.45 **Dad's Army.** A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring have an unusual dream in which he is Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. (R)
8.15 **Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings.** Part one of two. Joann Fletcher examines the lives of ordinary Egyptian citizens 3,500 years ago, beginning by exploring how people dressed and what they ate. (R)
9.15 **Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation.** The life of Walter Scott, the prolific novelist and poet who wrote swashbuckling tales of romance and derring-do, but who had a lesser-known role as a political fixer.
10.15 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry presents an extended version of the quiz, and poses some unusual questions about jelly, jam and juice to Jo Brand, Liza Tarbuck, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies. (R)
11.00 FILM: **Insomnia (2002).** A sleep-deprived detective is blackmailed by a murderer who saw him accidentally shoot his partner. Christopher Nolan's thriller, starring Al Pacino and the late Robin Williams.
12.50 FILM: **The Sheltering Sky (1990).** An American couple's attempts to revive their ailing marriage during a visit to North Africa only bring them more heartache. Period drama, starring John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
3.05 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

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8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Georgia May Foote, Russ Abbot, Philip Jackson and Lucy Kay.
9.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge visit Penzance in Cornwall. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** One of Jessica's pupils is arrested. (R)
11.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.35 FILM: **Columbo: No Time to Die (1992).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
1.20 FILM: **The Mighty Ducks (1992).** A self-absorbed lawyer is convicted of drink-driving and ordered to coach a junior ice-hockey team as part of his community service. Comedy, with Emilio Estevez and Joss Ackland.
3.25 **Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis.** The Life's Too Short star takes his family on mini breaks across Britain. (R)
3.55 FILM: **Murder on the Orient Express (1974).** Hercule Poirot investigates the stabbing of a businessman on board the famous train from Istanbul to Paris. Agatha Christie mystery, with Albert Finney and the late Lauren Bacall.
6.20 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.45 **You've Been Framed! Top Tens.** Harry Hill unveils some of his favourite comical clips, featuring madcap pets and dramatic falls, as he narrates a selection of viewer-submitted videos. (R)
7.45 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Comedienne Jo Brand, former England rugby player Ben Cohen and Dragons' Den investor Kelly Hoppen take turns on the token-pushing machine. Ben Shephard hosts. Last in the series.
8.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.** EastEnders' June Brown (Dot Branning) and Blue singer Simon Webbe team up with their relatives in a bid to win £30,000 for their chosen charities. Vernon Kay hosts. (R)
9.45 FILM: **Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983).** The rebel heroes set out to rescue Han Solo before a final decisive battle with the forces of the evil Empire. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. Continues after the News.
10.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.00 FILM: **Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983).** Concluded.
12.30 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.00 **Close**
6.05 **Trans World Sport.** Including a look at the tennis careers of Venus and Serena Williams.
7.00 **Tri Liverpool.** Action from the British Triathlon Championships.
7.55 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview from York.
8.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra and Marie hatch a matchmaking plan. (R)
9.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Geoffrey has trouble getting the hang of a game. (R)
9.50 **Frasier.** Part one of two. A bout of back pain has unexpected consequences. (R)
10.20 **Frasier.** Part two of two. Niles clashes with girlfriend Mel. (R)
10.50 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
11.15 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
11.40 **The Simpsons.** The family goes on a camping trip. (R)
12.10 **The Simpsons.** Bart's efforts to impress his friends backfire. (R)
12.40 **Heston's Great British Food.** Heston Blumenthal creates a supersized chocolate bar. (R)
1.40 **Channel 4 Racing.** Coverage of live racing from York and Goodwood.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Helen Mather hosts the first party in Leicester. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Estate agent Terry Robinson hosts the second dinner party in Leicester. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Porchia Lee hosts the third dinner party in Leicester. (R)
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Ryan Bruce hosts the fourth dinner party in Leicester. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Double-glazing salesman Richard Deeping hosts the final party in Leicester, and hopes to impress with his culinary prowess before the winner is announced. (R)
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.05 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke follows Vanessa Ford Robbins and partner Nik Huddy's project to restore a Victorian gate lodge located on the boundaries of a country estate in Surrey. (R)
8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Daren Howarth and Adi Nortje, who want to build a home made from recycled materials, based on ideas pioneered in New Mexico in the 1970s. (R)
9.00 FILM: **Red Lights (2012).** Premiere. A paranormal investigator faces unexpected dangers as he tries to prove a famous psychic is a fraud. Thriller, with Cillian Murphy, Sigourney Weaver and Robert De Niro.
11.15 **Psychopath Night.** Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts. (R)
1.05 **The Last Leg.** With guest Daniel Radcliffe. (R)
1.50 **Homeland.** (R)
2.45 **Hollyoaks.**
4.55 **Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** (R)
5.50 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)

Channel 5

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9.55 **Access.**
10.00 **Hercules the Human Bear.** (R)
10.55 **The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies.** Anthony Joynes works with his counterparts in the Malawi capital Lilongwe. (R)
11.55 **Extreme Nightmare Neighbours Next Door.** (R)
12.55 FILM: **White Fang 2: The Myth of the White Wolf (1994).** Adventure sequel, starring Scott Bairstow.
3.00 FILM: **The Wizard of Oz (1939).** Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland.
5.00 FILM: **Michael Jackson's This Is It (2009).** Documentary following the singer in rehearsal.
7.10 **ABBA @ 40: The Abba Years.** The history of the Swedish band and its members, charting their rise to fame after winning the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974 and the worldwide success that followed. Shown as part of Sing-a-long Saturday. (R)
8.05 **ABBA @ 40: Live at Wembley.** The Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979, featuring hits including Voulez-Vous, Dancing Queen and Waterloo. Shown as part of Sing-a-long Saturday. (R)
9.05 **5 News Weekend.**
9.10 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of another day in the celebrity-filled house, including a chance to see the events leading up to the first eviction and what happened afterwards.
10.10 **Rob Brydon Live.** A stand-up show recorded at Norwich's Theatre Royal during the comedian and actor's first UK tour in 2009, featuring comic tales, impressions, songs and anecdotes.
11.10 **Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours.** Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the cases of celebrities who died unexpectedly, beginning with pop superstar Michael Jackson. (R)
12.10 **Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** New series. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.
1.10 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Celebrity Big Brother.** (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

SUNDAY

Nature's Miracle Orphans
7pm
Part one of two. Presenters Ellie Harrison and Max Hug Williams follow orphaned baby animals as they make steps to return to the wild. Ellie travels to Australia to meet three koalas called Tilly, Puddles and Danny, who were rescued from the roadside where their mother had been killed.

Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix – Highlights
7pm
Suzi Perry introduces action from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season took place. This was the first race since the summer break, which came after the Hungarian Grand Prix. With commentary by Ben Edwards.

The Great War: The People's Story
9pm
The third episode shifts the focus to a changing Britain and the lives of those left behind at home. Claire Foy plays Helen Bentwich, a young woman who seizes the chance to work in the arms factories, before becoming appalled by the conditions there.

How Britain Worked
7pm
Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin celebrates the workers of the Industrial Revolution by recreating some of the 19th century's most impressive technical achievements. Along the way he focuses on the unsung heroes of the time – the men, women and children who worked 14 hours a day.

Police Interceptors
10.30am
The police dog unit is called in to action to chase a thief seen trying to break into a lorry, and the pursuit of a Range Rover leads the interceptors to a haul of stolen prestige cars. A seized Lamborghini brings out the team's competitive streak, and the presence of an intruder puts the station on full alert.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.40 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Everton v Arsenal at Goodison Park. (R)
9.00 **BBC News.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Bargain Hunt.** In an hour-long episode, experts David Barby and Paul Laidlaw help two teams of reds and blues around an antiques fair in Newark, Nottinghamshire. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry introduces live coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season takes place (Start-time 1.00pm).
3.30 **Escape to the Country.** Urban families, couples and individuals set out to find their ideal rural retreats. (R)
4.30 **The Great British Bake Off.** The 10 remaining contenders face three tasks designed to test their bread-making skills, preparing 12 rye bread rolls, Italian ciabatta and show-stopping centrepiece loaves. (R)
5.30 **Songs of Praise.** Pam Rhodes introduces hymns from St Edmund's Church in Roundhay, Leeds, and meets participants of the city's Caribbean carnival – the longest-running European event of its kind.
6.05 **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** On a jungle expedition in Guyana, Steve Backshall encounters an ant with the world's most painful sting and explores below the water of the rainforest rivers. Last in the series.
6.35 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
7.00 **Nature's Miracle Orphans.** Part one of two. Ellie Harrison and Max Hug Williams meet orphaned animals. Ellie visits three rescued koalas in Australia while Max gets acquainted with a sloth in Costa Rica.
8.00 **Countryfile.** John Craven and Anita Rani explore the foodie culture of Herefordshire, meeting farmer Simon Cutter and his pure-bred cattle and a botanist extracting natural goodness from fields. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 **The Village.** Grace becomes increasingly impressed by Bill's left-wing ideas as polling day approaches, John makes a success of the dairy farm and Clem finds the perfect match for Edmund.
10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Sunderland v Manchester United, Hull City v Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur v Queens Park Rangers.
11.35 **Match of the Day at 50.** Celebrating 50 years of the iconic football highlights programme, featuring a look at what has made the show such a success over the years. (R)
12.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**

BBC2

6.00 **Countryfile.** John Craven and Shauna Lowry visit the Sperrin Mountains in Northern Ireland. (R)
7.00 **Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets.** The presenter explores the gardens at Sissinghurst, Kent. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don takes a trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex. (R)
8.30 **The Beechgrove Garden.** Jim McColl gives advice to a couple living in the hills above Aberlour in Moray.
9.00 **The Football League Show.** Including highlights of Ipswich Town v Norwich City. (R)
10.20 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
11.50 **Coast.** The tidal ebb and flow of the seas surrounding Britain.
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 **Food & Drink.** Sat Bains demonstrates his take on a traditional bread and butter pudding. Last in the series. (R)
1.30 **Sweets Made Simple.** Sweets that originated as medicinal remedies. (R)
2.00 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The experts offer advice on buying and selling military memorabilia.
2.30 **Live Athletics.** The British Athletics Grand Prix. Gabby Logan introduces coverage of the 12th Diamond League event of the season, held at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.
7.00 **Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix – Highlights.** Suzi Perry introduces action from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season took place.
8.00 **Dragons' Den.** A returning entrepreneur pitches an outdoor space-saving device, a golfing duo present their twist on the traditional tee and a designer has a new take on the conventional umbrella.
9.00 **James May's Cars of the People.** James explores how aspiration and new wealth inspired some of the greatest vehicles ever made and also unveils his choice of the ultimate people's car. Last in the series.
10.00 **An Adventure in Space and Time.** Drama written by Mark Gatiss telling the story of how sci-fi series Doctor Who was first brought to the screen in November 1963. Starring David Bradley and Brian Cox. (R)
11.30 FILM: **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005).** An ordinary man is hurled into an intergalactic adventure when Earth is destroyed to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Sci-fi comedy, starring Martin Freeman and Bill Nighy.
1.10 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** John Craven and Shauna Lowry visit a largely unknown region of Northern Ireland, the Sperrin Mountains, and explore an old blacksmith's forge made famous by a Seamus Heaney poem. (R)
2.05 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** As word of Jac's appointment spreads, Elliot is devastated by the news he will no longer be responsible for Herzig, while Sacha and Essie's relationship has a postive influence. (R)

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8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Richard Madeley and Deborah Meaden.
9.25 **May the Best House Win.** Four women in the Midlands open their homes for judging. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** An accountant is murdered. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.30 **River Monsters.** Tales of a man-eating catfish in Germany. (R)
12.30 **Long Lost Family.** Two siblings hoping to fulfil their mother's dying wish. (R)
1.30 FILM: **Columbo Goes to the Guillotine (1989).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.
3.30 **Midsomer Murders.** A planning dispute leads to murder. With Hugo Speer. (R)
5.30 **Tipping Point.** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
6.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **Come On Down! The Game Show Story.** Bradley Walsh looks at the role played by contestants in creating game-show history, meeting a memorable Family Fortunes team and people famous for their losing TV appearances.
8.00 **The Zoo.** The giraffe herd at Whipsnade has a new arrival in need of urgent help – the calf has problems with its legs and is unable to suckle from its mother. Last in the series.
9.00 **The Great War: The People's Story.** A young woman (Claire Foy) seizes the chance to work in arms factories, a country vicar (Brian Cox) writes about men leaving for war and a servant (Amy Morgan) falls for a soldier.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **Kids with Cameras: Diary of a Children's Ward.** A 13-year-old with cystic fibrosis is determined to use his time in hospital to improve his lungs, while a boy preparing for major surgery films his experience. Last in the series.
11.15 **The Cube.** A sales assistant and a police officer try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts. (R)
12.10 **The Store.** Home shopping.
2.10 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
2.55 **Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Snetterton.
3.45 **Britain's Best Bakery.** The five remaining bakeries make sweet and savoury canapes. (R)
4.35 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

6.10 **How I Met Your Mother.** Robin invites Ted to her flat. (R)
6.35 **British F3.** Round five from Thruxton.
7.05 **Outlaw Triathlon.** Action from a recent event.
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's parents join the Barones for Thanksgiving. (R)
8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert is mistaken for Raymond. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The Cranes take a trip in the Winnebago. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Larry Lamb, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Rob Beckett and Lewis Watson.
12.30 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** Including a prototype apartment inspired by a beehive. (R)
1.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Penny endure an awkward night at the cinema. (R)
2.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Stuart asks Amy out on a date. (R)
2.25 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard confronts a bully from his past. (R)
2.55 **The Simpsons.** Marge contemplates an affair. (R)
3.25 FILM: **Runaway Bride (1999).** Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.
5.40 **Deal or No Deal.** High-stakes game show, with Noel Edmonds.
6.35 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **How Britain Worked.** Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin recreates technical achievements of the 19th century, beginning by overhauling a steam locomotive currently in use on the Severn Valley Railway. (R)
8.00 **The Mill.** As tensions escalate during the strike, a violent confrontation leads to Daniel's arrest. Susannah looks after Esther's baby, who has become critically ill. Last in the series.
9.00 FILM: **The Cold Light of Day (2012).** Premiere. A man searching for his kidnapped family is caught up in a conflict between rival intelligence agents. Thriller, starring Henry Cavill, Bruce Willis and Sigourney Weaver.
10.50 FILM: **Skyline (2010).** A couple try to escape when alien spacecraft descend from the sky, mesmerising the humans below with mysterious lights. Sci-fi thriller, with Eric Balfour and Scottie Thompson.
12.35 **First Time Farmers.** Farmer's daughter Rhi deals with sick cattle. (R)
1.30 **The Million Pound Drop.** Three men try to impress one girl and win the prize. (R)
2.25 **The Hoarder Next Door.** An Essex woman with a collection of nearly 30,000 Disney figures. (R)
3.20 **Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** The property expert heads to south-east London. (R)
4.15 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.**
4.30 **Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking.** (R)
5.00 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)
5.55 FILM: **Happily N'Ever After (2006).** Animated fantasy comedy, with the voice of Sarah Michelle Gellar.

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School **6.25** Bubble Guppies **6.35** The Mr Men Show **6.50** Chloe's Closet **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures **7.40** City of Friends **7.55** Little Princess **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.20** Olly the Little White Van **8.25** Angelina Ballerina **8.45** Rupert Bear **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
10.00 **Highland Emergency.** RAF Rescue 137 responds to the scene of a car crash. (R)
10.30 **Police Interceptors.** The police dog unit is called in to action. (R)
11.25 **Police Interceptors.** The unit chases a drug dealer. (R)
12.25 **Police Interceptors.** Sgt Jon Moon and his police dog Kanto are confronted by a thief wielding a knife. (R)
1.25 FILM: **Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2 (2011).** Premiere. Comedy, starring Marcus Coloma.
3.05 FILM: **Holes (2003).** Family adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf.
5.15 FILM: **A Cinderella Story (2004).** Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray.
7.05 FILM: **Legally Blonde (2001).** A dizzy teenager enrols at Harvard to try to prove to her ex-boyfriend that she is not stupid, but finds herself out of her depth. Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon and Luke Wilson. Edited for language.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.
10.00 FILM: **Under Siege (1992).** A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language.
11.55 FILM: **Point Break (1991).** An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze.
2.10 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Woman on the Rampage: Killing Spree.** The events leading up to a spate of murders in Goleta, California, in 2006.
4.00 **House Doctor.** A cluttered home in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** Things are not going to plan for Graham. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** The youngsters organise a charity auction. (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
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Prepare to be blown away

By Graham Breeze

Coming up with an upgrade of the Qashqai was always going to be a problem for Nissan following the model's phenomenal success.

After all, over 50,000 models were sold in the UK during 2013.

But the company has managed to successfully upstage the previous model by producing a more refined product with class leading comfort and road composure to match.

There are now four trim levels: Visia, Acenta, Acenta Premium and Tekna. On test was the range topping Tekna which came in only a 1.2DIG-T format with manual, two-wheel drive transmission so I wasn't expecting too. How wrong was I?

Despite the small engine this Qashqia doesn't let Nissan down. The new model may be bigger than its predecessor but the new small 1.2 turbo is more than just a replacement for the 1.6-litre outgoing number.

The 1.2-litre takes just 10.9 seconds to get from 0-62mph, has a top speed of 115mph and very good CO2 figures of 129g/km.

It feels better on the road than the outgoing model too. Longer and wider this crossover might easily be mistaken for something in the bigger 4x4 sector when it comes to handling.

Handling

New chassis control electronics mean road handling is a lot better than in the previous Qashqai.

But if you are looking for real reasons why this model is going to prove a winner for Nissan step inside the cabin and prepare to be blown away.

You can't help but be blown away by the brilliant panoramic glass roof and the five-inch TFT display between the dials is a real plus.

The bigger seven inch navigation and entertainment touch-screen in the centre console is from a higher sector and you get so much more than expected.

There's Bluetooth, electrically controlled seats, heated front seats, front, rear and side cameras, intelligent park assist, heated electric door mirrors and finding the best driving position is simple thanks to electric steering wheel adjustments.

And there's lots more to like such as start/stop technology, cruise control, selectable sport or normal steering, all-round power windows, graphite leather trim and a very impressive automatic headlamp levelling system.

'You can expect to get more than 50mpg on the combined cycle through the six speed manual box'

This Qashqai is 47mm longer than the pervious model and fractionally lower and wider, giving it a sleek, poised stance while maintaining the crossover style, compact dimensions and raised driving position.

Regular Qashqai buyers can't help but be impressed with the new look either. Standing on 19inch alloys with silver roof rails and body coloured bumpers, handles and mirrors this Nissan is a good looker in any company.

Inside there's plenty of comfort for five passengers and you won't be disappointed by the amount of boot space either – so no problem with the golf clubs.

You can expect to get more than 50mpg on the combined cycle through the six speed manual box and pay just over £23,000 to put a Tekna on the road.

Nissans have been notorious for losing value but even that has now changed. The new model will retain 50 per cent of its value after three years or 30,000 miles – a 10 per cent improvement on its predecessor – according to latest data from residual value (RV) setters CAP.

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Coronation Cup: T Beddow 63net; T Weetman 64net (c/b); T Hardy 64net. Club Championship: A Hilditch 73-72 (after 3 hole play off); J Hampson 73-72; D Caldwell 77-72. Club Championship Nett: A Hilditch 135net; M Smith 136net; D Caldwell 139net.

Gents 4BBB Open – Best Gross: Hutchinson & Brabazon 67. Hutchinson & Barabazon 43pts; L Williams & E Roberts 42pts; L Roberts & T Hardy 41pts. Longest Drive: C Holmes. Nearest The Pin: Hutchinson.

Ladies' Hilda Rogers (4BBB): R Phillips & N Hughes 68net; M Beckett & M Jones 70net (c/b).

July Medal Division 1: R Phillips 85-16- 69; K Swanston 78-7-71. Division 2: S Davies 100-27-73; S Griffiths 96-23-73 (c/b). Division 3: C Thomas 103-32-71; B Rowlands 107-35-72.

Elderflower Salver Winner: C Thomas 71nett.

Seniors' Sam Clews Salver: J Bennett & P Ligus 50pts; C Jones & J R Evans 47pts; T Barlow & C Wilbraham 44pts (c/b).

MILE END

Huw & Mary Edwards Trophy: R Edwards & J Edwards 61nett; B Davies & G 62.4 nett. Wednesday 9 Hole Social: M Harper 27pts; D Griffiths 23pts; D Stanyer 23pts.

Ladies' Invitation: J Tinsley & D Jones 44pts; J Jones & S Davies 43pts. Seniors' August Stableford Division 1: M Pearson 44pts; J Seagar 42pts; P Rothera 42pts. Division 2: J Seal 39pts; P Beckett 39pts; R Edwards 38pts.

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August Medal Div 1: A Allen 75-9-66; J Poole 72-5-67 (c/b); A Smith 72-5-67; G Huggett 72-4-68; H Jones 74-5-69; M Dickens 78-8-70 (c/b). Div 2: T Davies 76-11-65; R Jones 77-11-66 (c/b); L Turner 77-11-66; P Taylor 81-12-69; J Harris 82-12-70; M Jennings 82-11-71. Div 3: A Gilbert 88-19-69; P Pattenden 86-16-70 (c/b); P Clifford 89-19-70; P Wyndham 93-21-72; T Taylor 99-26-73 (c/b); C Jones 93-20-73. Best Gross: G Huggett 72.

Thursday Medal: P Huxley 85-18-67 (c/b); A Smith 72-5-67; O Hughes 72-4-68 (c/b); B Pughe 80-12-68; D Thomas 74-5 -69 (c/b). Best Gross: O Hughes 72.

Seniors' Stableford: G Godbold 44pts; A Shannon 41pts (c/b); G Davies (552) 41pts; C Griffiths 40pts (c/b); A Jones 40pts (c/b); I Pearce 40pts (c/b).

August Seniors Open: I Pearce (Oswestry) G Harding (Arscott) 42pts; P Rainey & R Haywood (Enville) 41pts; B Wright & M Roberts (Wrexham) 40pts (c/b); M Smith (Oswestry) & G Smith (Huddersfield) 40pts (c/b); J Hewett & M Rooke (Oswestry) 40pts (c/b).

Richards stars for Glas on season's debut

FORCED to make five enforced changes, Cae Glas had to settle for a losing draw at Willey in the Shropshire County Cricket League division two.

Graham Ball's 67 helped Willey to 188-9 in 45 overs after electing to bat first, before the visitors finished on 148-8 in reply despite some big hitting from Barry Richards.

Willey's efforts with the bat were down to a patient showing again in-form bowler Tom Gardner who once again produced a number of mystical, unplayable deliveries to remove the top three batsmen as he finished with figures of 3-48.

The Glas first change bowlers struggled to get the lengths and lines correct but the returning Nick Morris and Gareth Edgerton eventually made their efforts pay with figures of 3-42 and 2-19 respectively as Willey closed on 188-9.

The Oswestry side's reply once again stuttered slowly with both openers again going cheaply. However, the introduction of Barry Richards to the crease for his first game of the season saw the run rate increase dramatically as he smashed several towering sixes in a whirlwind innings of 46.

The Glas now had a platform for the lower order to press on their slight advantage but Willey's change bowlers knew how to bowl on their own strip and kept things tight as Glas once again had to settle for a losing draw as the closed on 148-8.

Annual tour

Stuart Eyres (20no) batted nicely to force the draw and secure eight points.

The Glas are now away on their annual tour of Worcester and Herefordshire, playing four matches against some stiff opposition from the Birmingham League.

CAE GLAS II notched a low-scsoring 12-run win over mid-table rivals Willey II in the reserve division two.

Batting first, they could only muster 111-9 in 45 overs, opener Peter Bowyer again holding firm with 37, but the bowlers rose to the challenge with Shaun Southern taking 6-25 and Matthew Coulson 3-34 as their rivals were sent back for 99.

WHITTINGTON suffered a 109-run loss at home to Overton in division four, being bowled out for 97 in reply to 206-5 in their 45-overs a side encounter.

Paul England's 47 and an unbeaten 48 from Matthew Lawrenson helped Overton post a competitive total, Tristian Lloyd taking 3-63.

Ten-man Whittington then fell away in reply, with George Austin (22) and Gary Davies (24) the only two players to get into double figures as Lawrenson completed a fine all round game with 5-22.

GUILSFIELD conceded their clash at Hodnet and Peplow in division four as they were unable to raise a side, which sees them slip deeper into relegation danger.

Oswestry on the up after ex-Bear Mo ducks out

OSWESTRY'S bowlers again came to the fore to help their side boost hopes of avoiding the drop from division one of the Birmingham League with a hard-earned five-wicket win at Smethwick.

The 20 points they gained maintained the 26-point gap above second-from-bottom Shifnal, and lifted the Morda Road men to fourth from bottom. Having said that, they are now only three points off fifth place in a truly competitive division.

Stand-in skpper Alex Huxley won the toss on Saturday and asked Smethwick to bat on a wicket which held plenty of demons for the batsmen.

Dan Bowen whipped out the top three batters – including ex-Warwickshire ace Mo Sheikh for a duck – and then the spinners took over.

Warrick Fynn conceded only three scoring strokes off his 10 overs to finish with 3-7, and Matt Gregson – who this week made his full Shropshire debut – took 3-12.

Bowen returned to take the 10th wicket with the first ball of his second spell, and he finished with 4-18 as Smthwick were all out for 92.

Success

It was far from plain sailing when Oswestry replied, but a patient 26 not out in just over two hours by Joe Carrasco steered them to victory at 93-5.

OSWESTRY II lost by 19 runs to their Smethwick counterparts at Morda Road, despite a fine innings by skipper Steve Humphreys.

Humphreys hit 69 as Oswestry chased the visitors' 186 in their 2nd XI (North) clash, but the home side fell short on 167 all out.

OSWESTRY III maintained their push for promotion in division three of the Shropshire League with a nine-wicket success over Church Aston at Morda Road on Sunday.

CRICKET

By John Bridgwater

The visitors posted a decent total of 210-9 off their 40 overs, thanks largely to a hard-hitting 112 by Gurfeet Saini. James Wigley took 3-37 and Adam Woodcock 3-55.

But the target proved no problem for the hard-hitting Oswestry batsmen, who got there in the 25th over for the loss of just one wicket.

Luke Jones led the way with an unbeaten 82, sharing a century stand with Ryan Morris (60no), and Alex Ramsay hit 58.

It proved a satisfactory weekend for the club with OSWESTRY IV securing a one-wicket win at ELLESMERE II in a real thriller in the reserve division three.

Paul Mochan's unbeaten 90 saw Ellesmere to 184-7 in their 40 overs, with Owen Johnson taking 3-43 and skipper Nick Woodcock 2-28.

Jim Phillips (35) and Matthew Dyke (30) got the Oswestry reply off to a good start, with Dan Renwick (30) and Owen Johnson (20) carrying on the good work.

It was left to last pair Geoff Renwick and Allan Morris to steer the side to victory.

■ Oswestry have a crucial double header his week, travelling to Bromsgrove on Saturday and playing hosts to in-form Wellington on Bank Holiday Monday (12 noon).

The Seconds are at home to Newport on Saturday, and visit Whitchurch on Monday.

Oswestry III are away to Church Stretton on Saturday, while the fourths take on Tibberton II at Whittington CC.

New boys Celtic in a goal feast

NEWLY reformed Gobowen Celtic marked their competitive debut in style as they stormed to an 8-1 home win over Llynclys in their opening game in the Mercian League division two.

Playing on the Gobowen Playing Field, Celtic never looked back after taking the lead on the half hour when Ben Pierpoint fired home a 35-yard free kick, and sub Luke Dwyer doubled the lead three minutes later.

The hosts surged further ahead nine minutes into the second period when Pierpoint made it 3-0 with an angled drive, and Richard Hardy deflected in a fourth 10 minutes later.

Llynclys pulled one back with a deflected 25-yarder from Matty Jones, but any hopes of a comeback are soon extinguished when when Ian Heathcock restored the four-goal cushion.

Pierpoint then completed his hat-trick with a fine solo effort, before Dwyer and Ryan Lock rounded off an emphatic win.

Monty in last wicket victory

A TENSE one wicket win boosted Montgomery's survival prospects in the Shropshire Cricket League division one as they scraped home against fellow strugglers Pontesbury in a low scoring affair.

Lying second from bottom, it was a timely boost for Monty who had skittled their lowly opponents for a modest 81, with James Corfield taking 3-9 from 6.1 overs, while there were also three wickets for Neil Tuffin (3-15) and Harry Wilkinson (3-18).

Runs were just as hard to come by in reply as they soon found themselves in trouble, but 23 from Wynn Jones and some useful tailend runs saw them just get over the line for a valuable win.

Showdown

WELSHPOOL II finished second best in their top of the table showdown at Bomere Heath in the reserve division two.

Batting first, Bomere posted 193-6 in 45 overs with Andrew Gittins finishing unbeaten on 51, while Robert Anderson was the pick of the bowlers with 4-35 off 15 overs.

Pool lost both openers cheaply in reply but 32 from Adam Knight at least ensured the visitors gained a losing draw as they finished on 109-8 in reply, Paul Bolland taking 4-14.

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
WB Dartmouth	17	9	3	1	0	4	257
Berkswell	17	8	3	3	0	3	232
Barnt Green	17	7	3	2	0	5	232
Knowle & D	17	5	3	4	0	5	190
Brockhampton	17	5	2	6	0	4	182
Kenilworth W	17	5	3	5	0	4	178
Shrewsbury	17	4	4	7	0	2	178
Walmley	17	5	3	5	0	4	172
Kidderminster V	17	4	4	6	0	3	169
Dorridge	17	4	2	7	0	4	160
Walsall	17	3	5	7	0	2	140
Himley	17	2	5	8	0	2	127

Dorridge deducted 3pts

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Ombersley	17	10	4	1	0	2	260
Wellington	17	7	2	3	0	5	204
Wolverhampton	17	4	5	4	0	4	196
Bromsgrove	17	5	2	3	0	6	186
Barnards Green	17	5	3	5	0	4	173
Moseley	17	5	1	5	0	6	171
Smethwick	17	4	3	5	0	5	171
Harborne	17	5	2	6	0	4	170
Oswestry	17	3	5	5	0	4	170
Old Hill	17	4	3	5	0	5	164
Shifnal	17	3	5	6	0	3	144
Wombourne	17	2	3	8	0	4	113

Wolverhampton deducted 4pts, Shifnal deducted 1pt.

Second Teams

Division Two North

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Milford Hall	17	8	3	2	0	4	252
Smethwick	17	10	0	2	0	5	244
Tamworth	17	9	2	1	0	5	235
Wombourne	17	4	3	5	0	5	188
Penn	17	6	3	3	0	5	181
Brewood	17	5	3	4	0	5	180
Oswestry	17	5	2	6	0	4	176
Fordhouses	17	5	1	6	0	5	155
Whitchurch	17	3	2	8	0	4	152
Hawkins C & R.	17	4	2	7	0	4	150
Newport	17	1	3	7	0	6	102
Quatt	17	1	0	10	0	6	71

Hawkins C&R deducted 3pts

High flying Shelton caught out

Get ready at mid-off – Shelton's Harry Jones hitts the ball in the air, straight to Hugh Morris fielding for Knockin and Kinnerley. *Pictures: Richard Dawson.*

Promotion hopefuls skittled by Knockin

Got him – Hugh Morris holds on to dismiss Harry Jones

A TERRIFIC bowling display saw Knockin & Kinnerley stun promotion chasing Shelton with an emphatic eight wicket win in the Shropshire County Cricket League division one.

Electing to put their hosts into bat, Knockin were soon among the wickets as Shelton were rolled over for just 86, Matty Evans taking 3-25 while there were two wickets apiece for Carl Morris, Hugh Morris and Dan Evans.

The visitors then made light of their target in reply, with opener Andy Beckett (27no) and Dan Evans (26) steering their side to their target in the 22nd over and clinch 20 valuable points.

Bowling

It was also a good day for KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II who recorded a six wicket win over Condover II at the Nursery Ground in the reserve division two.

Put in to bat, Condover were limited to 125-6 in 40 overs, thanks largely to opener Mike Rogers who held firm with 79, while there were two wickets apiece for Jonny Evans and Rob Oliver.

The target was well within Knockin's grasp with Michael Gray carrying his bat for 51 not out to steer them home despite some excellent bowling from the young Condover attack.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY III were put to the sword in division FourA as Wem III racked up 228-2 largely thanks to a third wicket partnership of 163 between Neil Prince, who cracked a terrific 122 not out, and Steve Dakin who finished unbeaten on 44

The Knockin innings was proceeding well before openers Ed Nicholas (34) and Michael Darlington (15) were both removed by Wem stalwart Stewart Dakin who went on to take a career best 9-11 and destroy the Knockin batting line up as they were removed for just 88.

FRANKTON II secured a winning draw against Alberbury II in the reserve division one, posting 192-6 in 50 overs before redistricting their visitors to 139-8 in reply.

Richard Jones hit 69 at the top of the order in Frankton's innings, with Daniel Morris making exactly 50 in reply.

PLACINGS

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	17	13	0	2	2320	
Reman Serv	17	11	3	1	2311	
Wem	17	9	2	4	2279	
Ludlow & SS	17	8	1	3	5240	
St Georges	17	5	5	4	3227	
Bomere Heath	17	7	0	6	4211	
Cound	17	4	2	6	5168	
Wroxeter Grove	17	5	3	6	3158	
Frankton	17	3	4	8	2154	
Albrighton	17	3	0	10	4128	
Newtown	17	2	2	9	4126	
Allscott	17	1	0	12	4 87	

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Madeley	17	12	1	1	3300	
Broseley	17	11	1	1	4292	
Shelton	17	9	2	5	1260	
Alberbury	17	8	1	4	4238	
Market Drayton	17	7	2	4	4188	
Knockin & Kinn	17	3	2	8	4172	
Forton	17	4	3	7	3167	
Lilleshall	17	4	2	7	4166	
Pontesbury	17	4	3	8	2159	
Welshpool	17	3	5	6	3142	
Montgomery	17	3	2	8	4126	
Much Wenlock	17	1	0	10	6 26	

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Tibberton	17	9	2	2	4285	
Beacon	17	9	3	3	2264	
Condover	17	8	4	3	2243	
Shrewsbury	17	5	3	5	4207	
Ellesmere	17	6	2	7	2202	
Willey	17	5	4	4	4201	
Wellington	17	6	2	5	4199	
Cae Glas	17	5	5	3	4184	
Iscoyd & FB	17	3	4	7	3170	
Bishops Castle	17	4	2	5	6157	
Corvedale	17	2	0	11	4115	
Shifnal	17	1	5	8	3106	

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Church Stretton	17	8	4	2	3244	
Prees	17	6	6	0	5242	
Oswestry	17	7	4	3	3230	
Wheaton Aston	17	5	6	1	5220	
Church Aston	17	5	5	3	4191	
Llanidloes	17	4	4	4	5178	
Chelmarsh	17	4	3	5	5177	
St Georges	17	3	5	3	6151	
Acton Reynald	17	1	5	5	6144	
Calverhall	17	2	4	9	2141	
Wroxeter Grove	17	4	2	7	4135	
Newport	17	3	2	10	2131	

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Harpers	17	8	3	3	3276	
Overton-on-D	17	7	5	1	4258	
Trysull & S'don	17	8	3	4	2245	
Ludlow & SS	17	6	3	2	6228	
Harcourt	17	7	2	5	3206	
Hodnet & P'low	17	6	1	6	4201	
Whittington	17	5	3	4	5195	
Hinstock	17	2	6	4	5140	
Coton Hall	17	3	1	8	5136	
Bridgnorth	17	2	4	6	5134	
Guilsfield	17	4	0	9	4132	
Quayside	17	2	3	8	4122	

Division 4A

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Wellington	17	9	4	3	1307	
Worfield	17	6	4	4	3235	
Whitchurch	17	8	0	7	2231	
Alberbury	17	8	0	5	4226	
Cound	17	6	2	5	4221	
Bomere Heath	17	7	3	4	3216	
Frankton	17	7	1	7	2193	
Welshpool	17	5	4	4	4185	
Reman Serv	17	4	6	6	1182	
Wem	17	3	4	7	3180	
Knockin & Kinn	17	4	2	8	3153	
Madeley	17	3	2	10	2143	

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Av
Wroxeter Grove	16	11	2	12	18.07	
St Georges	17	9	4	13	17.07	
Quatt	16	7	3	24	15.75	
Beacon	17	5	10	02	14.13	
Wellington	15	5	6	0	4 14	
Allscott	16	4	6	24	12.83	
Llanidloes	15	3	7	14	10.09	
Pontesbury	15	2	8	3	29.62	
Acton Reynald	14	3	7	0	4 9.2	
Corvedale	17	3	8	2	49.08	
Lilleshall	14	1	10	1	2 8.5	
Shrewsbury	14	2	8	3	16.54	

Reserve Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Reman Serv	17	11	1	2	3296	
Ludlow & SS	17	6	3	6	2237	
St Georges	17	5	2	2	8226	
Worfield	17	8	0	5	4221	
Wem	17	7	2	3	5214	
Cound	17	6	2	6	3203	
Frankton	17	4	3	5	5198	
Wellington	17	5	2	6	4188	
Madeley	17	4	1	6	6181	
Wroxeter Grove	17	3	2	5	7149	
Alberbury	17	2	4	7	4132	
Lilleshall	17	1	2	9	5 72	

Reserve Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Bomere Heath	17	12	2	1	2290	
Welshpool	17	8	4	2	3253	
Beacon	17	8	3	4	2251	
Condover	17	7	3	3	4200	
Pontesbury	17	5	5	4	3185	
Willey	17	5	1	6	5177	
Cae Glas	17	4	4	5	4168	
Knockin & Kinn	17	5	1	7	4152	
Montgomery	17	2	6	7	2150	
Allscott	17	3	4	6	4136	
Market Drayton	17	3	1	9	4131	
Newtown	17	2	2	10	3108	

Reserve Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Shelton	17	8	4	1	4274	
Forton	17	5	5	4	3220	
Bishops Castle	17	6	3	5	3202	
Tibberton	17	6	6	2	3202	
Shifnal	17	4	2	5	5185	
Broseley	17	4	3	4	6184	
Ellesmere	17	6	1	4	6184	
Oswestry	17	5	4	4	4173	
Ludlow & SS	17	3	4	7	3154	
Iscoyd & FB	17	4	4	5	4148	
Albrighton	17	3	3	7	4145	
Much Wenlock	17	1	3	8	5114	

Goal-crazy New Saints smash 14 in last friendly

TNS 14 FC Oswestry T 0

THE New Saints rounded off their pre-season with a 14-0 romp against neighbours FC Oswestry Town at Park Hall.

The Welsh Premier champions were soon in charge, taking the lead in the first minute when a flowing move ended up with Greg Draper converting from close range after being picked out by Simon Spender.

Draper was again on the mark three minutes later, before completing his hat-trick on 14 minutes with another close range finish against their Mercian Regional League opponents.

Town keeper Paul Morris then denied the New Zealand forward a fourth when turning his attempt on to the bar, but the Saints went further ahead when Sam Finley's deflected strike looped over Morris.

A flurry of goals in the last five minutes of the first half saw TNS go into the interval with a 7-0 advantage, Ryan Edwards lobbing Morris after being played in by Adrian Cieslewicz, while Connell Rawlinson and Draper, with his fourth, also found the net before the break.

Manager Craig Harrison changed the entire side at the break and Alex Darlington notched the eighth goal of the night, before adding his second with a delicate chip into the corner of the net.

Mike Wilde made it double figures after latching onto a terrific pass from Aeron Edwards and Ryan Fraughan added No11 with an unstoppable strike from the edge of the box.

The Saints were not finished, with Chris Seargeant crashing an excellent shot into the top corner to make it 12-0 with 10 minutes left, before Wilde completed his brace for a 13-goal advantage.

They saved their best for last with Darlington scoring the goal of the game in the las minute to complete his hat-trick when the former Wrexham man lofted into the net rom 30 yards out.

Ellesmere B beat A team to boost title bid

ELLESMERE B kept alive their title pursuit in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division three with a 7-3 home win over their high flying clubmates, Ellesmere A.

It was nip and tuck all the way with the club's second string winning by just two shots, Ray Batha (21-13) and Bill Beveridge (21-14) leading the way.

Victory consolidated second spot, but Ellesmere A continue to lead the table by seven points, with Ian Metcalfe in fine form with a 21-5 despite his team's defeat.

CHURCH C are now 14 points adrift at the foot of the table after suffering a10-0 whitewash at Royston A, with Roy Jones and Anthon Swannick coming closest to earning a point before both lost to 17.

WESTON RHYN B slipped deeper into relegation danger in division four after their 9-1 (163-89) beating at Ruabon B, Brenda Ashbrook gaining the one consolation to 16.

LLANYMYNECH B boosted their hopes of escaping the drop as they moved out of the relegation places with a timely 8-2 (151-111) home win over LLANRHAEADR C, with Frank Wilcox a 21-8 winner while Jack Worden and Dean Roberts both won to nine. Malcolm Smith prevailed 21-6 for the visitors.

WHITTINGTON D remain rooted to the foot of division five after their 7-3 (151-121) home loss to CHURCH D who stayed in touching distance of the leaders, with Graham Warren their best to eight while Ed Williams replied 21-14.

Division six leaders YE OLDE CROFTE B were edged out 6-4 at LLANFYLLIN B, losing the aggregate by 13 (142-129).

Tony Birch (21-7) led the way for Llanfyllin, with Ron Fuller (21-8) responding.

*BLACK LION are still bottom of division two despite their 7-3 (157-132) home win over LLANRHAEADR A, Karl Adams taking the coppers to nine while Mark Evans (21-16) was the best for the visitors.

Results

Div Two: Black Lion 7 Llanrhaeadr A 3 (157-132). Div three: Flexsys B 6 Ceiriog Valley B 4 (144-129), Johnstown D 10 Chirk B 0 (168-100), Royston A 10 Church C 0 (168-89), Ellesmere B 7 Ellesmere A 3 (150-148), Weston Rhyn C 8 Plas Kynaston A 2 (153-115). Whittington E 2 Whittington B 8 (118-155).

Div Four: Ceiriog Valley C 6 Corwen B 4 (153-132), Bersham 8 Fox Lane 2 (165-113), Llangollen B 9 Llanfyllin A 1 (158-102), Overton B 8 Llangynog C 2 (152-136), Llanymynech B 8 Llanrhaeadr C 2 (151-11), Ruabon B 9 Weston Rhyn B 1 (163-89).

Div five: Llanrhaeadr B 6 Whittington C 4 (154-134), Whittington D 3 Church D 7 (121-151), Johnstown F 9 Overton C 1 (150-80), Chirk C 7 Cynwyd B 3 (150-106), Royston B 2 Plas Kynaston B 8 (121-155)

Div six: Llanfyllin B 6 Ye Olde Crofte B 4 (142-129), Ruabon C 6 Johnstown E 4 (131-124), Llangynog B 9 Llanrhaeadr E 1 (165-112), Church E 4 Weston Rhyn D 6 (142-149).

Barton at the double as Guils kick off with victory

Guilsfield 4 Llandrindod Wells 1

HOT-SHOT Danny Barton continued where he left off from last season as Guilsfield got their Cymru Alliance campaign off to a flying start with a 4-1 home victory over league new boys Llandrindod Wells.

After a Chris Murphy own goal had given the Guils the lead, Barton – the league's golden boot last term – scored twice, once in each half, with new signing Rhydian Morris also on the mark with a terrific 25-yarder. The Spa men pulled one back through Sean Powell following a defensive mix-up.

It took 25 minutes for the Guils to break down the visiting rearguard when Barton's challenge on Murphy in the area forced the defender to head into his own net.

The second came with Guilsfield well on top, as Barton's lethal left foot was again on target, while the best moment of the match followed on the stroke of half time when man-of-the match Morris crashed the ball home from well outside the box for a 3-0 interval lead.

Mix-up

With the Guils unable to sustain their earlier pressure, Llandrindod showed plenty of resilience in the second half and were rewarded with their first goal of the season when Powell tapped in after a mix-up at the back.

However, the final say went to Barton with his second goal of the game six minutes from time to round off a encouraging display from the hosts whose new boys Robbie James, Jack Richards and Morris all gave a very good account of themselves.

FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater

Guilsfield were at home to Caernarfon Town last night (Wednesday) in the first round of theWord Cup, before looking to maintain their winning start to the league at Holyhead Hotspur on Saturday.

Elsewhere in the Cymru Alliance, debutant Steve Blenkinsop scored twice to help Caersws to a 3-2 success at Rhydymwyn.

The former Newtown and Cefn Druids striker proved an instant hit, while fellow front runner Mark Griffiths also found the net to give the Bluebirds a 2-0 lead late in the first half.

Rhydy hit back with goals either side of the break through Scott Williams (43) and Kristian Jones (62), but the Bluebirds had the final word with Blenkinsop scoring the winner nine minutes from time.

Llanidloes Town could at least take heart from their display despite suffering a last-gasp 2-1 defeat to Holyhead Hotspur at Victoria Avenue.

Fielding several young players, they trailed early on to Mel McGuiness' sixth minute strike but clawed their way back into the game after the Anglesey men had their goalscorer sent off.

The Daffs looked to have at least a point in their grasp with a strike from Jamie Breese five minutes from time but, pushing for a win, they left themselves exposed and paid the price when Ryan Taylor netted following a breakaway two minutes from time.

Saturday's Cymru Alliance fixtures (2.30): Buckley Town v Rhayader Town, Caersws v Porthmadog, Denbigh Town v Llanidloes Town, Flint v Mold Alex, Holyhead Hotspur v Guilsfield, Llandrindod Wells v Conwy Borough, Rhydymwyn v Llandudno, Penycae v Caernarfon Town.

Saints held by ten men in opener

ST MARTINS were left to reflect on dropping two points as they opened their West Midlands League division one campaign with a creditable 2-2 draw at Hanwood United.

With a number of new signings, the Saints looked well placed when two goals up, while their hosts were also reduced to 10 men.

But that only spurred Hanwood who hit back with two goals from Shaun Butler, the equaliser two minutes into injury time.

St Martins started well with youngster Jamie Hands giving them a 15th minute lead, while Karl Bailey had two efforts saved by keeper Neil Hughes.

A second goal arrived on 25 minutes when Josh Sumner released Hands who chipped his second of the game.

But Hanwood, despite having Harris sent off for two bookings on 65 minutes, got their rewards as they salvaged a point with two strikes from Butler.

The Saints head to Ledbury Town on Saturday.

Llanfair have to fight for opening day win

LAST season's runners-up Llanfair United got off to a winning start as they saw off Four Crosses 3-2 in their Spar Mid Wales League division one opener.

Two goals from Dan Jones helped set up the victory, with Andrew Hughes also on the mark, but the visitors were made to battle all the way.

"I was really pleased with the three points as we had three of our big players missing," said Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens.

"If I was Four Crosses I would have been disappointed not to have got anything from the game. They had a lot of possession in the second half, but we defended well."

Jones got the first for Llanfair and, despite Crosses levelling, Hughes and Jones, with his second, gave the visitors a 3-1 interval lead. The hosts pulled one back, but Llanfair held firm.

Llanfair's selection was hampered as last season's top scorer Chris Gethin is currently away, while James Davies is injured and Ross Frame is still waiting for international clearance.

It was a poor start for LLANRHAEADR who, relegated from the Cymru Alliance last term, lost 4-2 at home by Carno in their first day action, with Joe Vaughan and Iwan Matthews getting their replies.

WELSHPOOL, looking to forget the struggles of the previous season, started with three points after prevailing 2-1 at LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE courtesy of goals in each half from Martyn Ziemann (20) and Tom Herbert (75).

MONTGOMERY earned a creditable 0-0 draw at home to fancied Penrhyncoch, but much changed BERRIEW suffered a disappointing 1-0 loss at newly promoted Machynlleth.

Relegated to division two this term, DYFFRYN BANW made a disappointing start as they suffered a 5-0 home loss to Knighton Town, while Kerry were edged out 3-2 at Hay St Marys.

CHURCHSTOKE swept aside Talgarth 6-2 to start the season in style, as did Abermule with their 5-2 success at Penybont,

Elsewhere, Newbridge ran out 4-0 winner against Bont and Presteigne and Builth Wells shred a 2-2 draw.

LLANFAIR RES were downed 2-0 by Bettws in the Tegwyn Evans Memorial Trophy.

Llanymynech are S&H champions

LLANYMYNECH Golf Club juniors have plenty to cheer after winning the Shropshire & Herefordshire Junior Matchplay tournament held at Lilleshall Golf Club. The team went on to compete in the national finals at Woodhall Spa, a classic British heathland course, in Lincolnshire, where they came a creditable fourth out of 34 teams after the tournament was curtailed by bad weather.
Local teaching professional Sam Roberts, of West Felton, near Oswestry, coaches the team and is assistant pro at the Llanymynech club.
Sam commented: "I have been playing golf here since I was three years old and have been a member since aged seven, so it is very gratifying to see these youngsters enjoying the game and playing so well as they come through the junior ranks."
PICTURED: Sam Roberts, with from left, Will Owen, Tom Weetman, Joe Roberts, James Clewlow, Adam Clewlow and junior club organiser Anne Weetman.

Guilsfield driver Ben Power piles on the power at Rockingham

Ben red-hot in rain

BEN Power lies second in the National Legends Cars championship after a successful, if rain-soaked, weekend, which saw him set the fastest lap at the Rockingham circuit in Leicestershire.

The 24-year-old racing driver, from Guilsfield, was among the fastest drivers at the track all weekend – placing third in practice and setting the fastest laps in both heats on Saturday.

He finished seventh in race One, second in race Two, and fifth in an incident-packed final, as the weather played its part in events.

On Sunday, it was questionable whether the racing would go ahead, and race One was stopped after four laps, due to the monsoon weather. As he had started off the back of the grid, Power had only managed to get up to seventh by the time the race was halted.

In race Two, with the track still wet, he finished a strong second to champion Dean Brace. In the final, he worked his way to third place, well ahead of the main pack; but after an extended safety-car period, which closed the field, he lost a place in the sprint to the finish line, and had to settle for fourth.

The championship continues at Donington Park this weekend 23-25 August – rounds 9 and 10, Donington Park; 13-14 September – rounds 11 and 12, Snetterton; 4-5 October – rounds 13 and 14, Pembrey; 1-2 November – rounds 15 and 16, Brands Hatch.

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowling League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown A	18	15	3	0	+297	116
Ceiriog Valley A	18	9	8	1	+351	107
Whittington A	18	11	6	1	+221	106
Criftins A	18	12	6	0	+185	102
Ruabon A	18	10	8	0	+289	101
Chirk AAA A	18	11	7	0	+161	99
Church A	18	10	8	0	-120	92
Cynwyd A	18	7	11	0	-153	81
Flexsys A	18	7	11	0	-111	80
Johnstown B	18	5	11	2	-257	74
Corwen A	18	5	12	1	-263	69
Llanymynech A	18	3	14	1	-600	53

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llangollen A	18	14	4	0	+426	120
Weston Rhyn A	18	9	6	3	+297	102
George	18	9	7	2	-15	96
Overton A	18	11	7	0	-16	96
Ye Old Crofte A	18	8	8	2	+24	94
Llanrhaeadr A	18	7	9	2	+73	90
Church B	18	10	8	0	-72	90
Criftins C	18	8	9	1	-48	85
Llangynog A	18	9	9	0	-110	80
Johnstown C	18	6	12	0	-173	78
Criftins B	18	6	12	0	-168	77
Black Lion	18	5	11	2	-218	72

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	18	14	4	0	+536	123
Ellesmere B	18	12	5	1	+465	116
Whittington B	18	14	4	0	+323	116
Johnstown D	18	11	7	0	+140	103
Plas Kyn A	18	11	6	1	+127	97
Whittington E	18	8	9	1	+99	94
Royston A	18	8	10	0	-45	88
Chirk AAA B	18	7	11	0	-158	80
Ceiriog Valley B	18	7	11	0	-101	75
Weston Rhyn C	18	5	12	1	-268	70
Flexsys B	18	4	12	2	-408	66
Church C	18	4	14	0	-710	52

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon B	18	16	2	0	+559	133
Bersham	18	14	4	0	+413	116
Ceiriog Valley C	18	9	9	0	+169	101
Fox Lane	18	11	6	1	+109	98
Llangollen B	18	9	9	0	+155	95
Overton B	18	7	10	1	-128	85
Llangynog C	18	8	10	0	-21	81
Llanrhaeadr C	18	7	10	1	-171	80
Llanfyllin A	18	7	10	1	-269	75
Llanymynech B	18	7	10	1	-277	75
Weston Rhyn B	18	7	11	0	-318	72
Corwen B	18	3	14	1	-221	69

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown F	18	14	2	2	+525	120
Plas Kyn B	18	12	5	1	+234	109
Cynwyd B	18	10	8	0	+123	99
Church D	18	10	7	1	+132	98
Llanrhaeadr D	18	9	8	1	+108	97
Overton C	17	8	9	0	+73	88
Chirk AAA C	18	7	10	1	-123	86
Llanrhaeadr B	18	8	10	0	-62	84
Royston B	18	6	9	3	-121	82
Whittington C	18	7	10	1	-185	79
Criftins D	18	7	10	1	-237	74
Whittington D	17	3	13	1	-467	54

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ye Old Crofte B	16	11	5	0	+518	111
Ruabon C	14	12	2	0	+582	105
Weston Rhyn D	15	11	4	0	+154	90
Johnstown E	14	8	6	0	+222	81
Llangynog B	14	7	7	0	-21	68
Weston Rhyn E	14	5	9	0	-89	60
Llanfyllin B	16	5	11	0	-252	58
Church E	14	6	8	0	-367	58
Cynwyd C	15	5	9	1	-340	53
Llanrhaeadr E	14	2	11	1	-407	46

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DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Royston A	17	11	6	+180	89
Chirk AAA	17	12	5	+238	85
Llangollen	17	9	8	+197	83
Weston Rhyn A	16	10	6	+246	81
Whittington B	16	9	7	+35	79
Llangynog A	16	8	8	+120	77
Llanymynech	17	9	8	+113	76
Overton A	16	7	9	-56	67
Church Club A	16	7	9	-208	62
Ceiriog Valley	16	6	10	-315	58
Royston B	16	2	14	-324	53

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Llanrhaeadr A	15	8	7	+349	81
Weston Rhyn B	15	11	4	+345	80
Cynwyd B	15	10	5	+230	80
Cynwyd A	15	11	4	+284	78
Y O Crofte	14	7	7	+125	68
Llanrhaeadr B	15	7	8	-89	65
Whittington A	14	8	6	-114	60
Church Club B	15	5	10	-245	60
Llangynog B	14	5	9	-235	49
Overton B	14	1	13	-650	36

Ifton boost survival bid with top win

IFTON'S bowlers took a big step towards survival in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League with an emphatic 11-3 home success over Hadley USC, taking the shots by 56,

Having been docked seven points the week before, the St Martins side shrugged off their disappointment as they got a welcome win to climb to fourth bottom.

Darren Lacey took the most valuable player of the night accolade with a 21-8 success to help set up the 225-179 aggregate win, Brian Hayes also winning to eight, while Dicky Jones recorded the biggest win of the night to three.

Jeff Cooper prevailed 21-12, Adam Price to 14 and Ryan Bond 21-15, while the other wins came from Geraint Williams (21-17), Nicky Jones (21-19) and Megis Phillips (21-20).

Ifton will look to keep up the good work in Friday night's tricky trip to third placed Sir John Bayley.

Welshpool facing a must-win away day

THE pressure's on Welshpool's cricketers to pick up a much needed win when they head to Knockin & Kinnerley in the Shropshire County League division one on Saturday.

Back-to-back eight wickets defeats against Broseley and Alberbury have left the Maesydre side hovering precariously third from bottom.

They have picked up just seven points from those two games, and will be anxiously looking over their shoulders after Powys basement rivals Montgomery notched a timely win last week.

However, Knockin, who shocked promotion chasing Shelton last week, will prove a tough obstacle for Pool who ended up well beaten at home to Alberbury last weekend.

After losing a crucial toss, they were inserted on a damp wicket and struggled to contend with an accurate attack as they were restricted to 130-9 in 50 overs, opener Joe Birch providing most of the resistance with 58 while extras was the next highest contributor with 17. Sam Birch made 14 not out late on to swell the total.

With conditions improving, Alberbury never looked in danger as an excellent second wicket stand between Mark Jones (62no) and Mike Crawshaw (47) saw them to their target with eight wickets in hand. Sam Birch took both wickets to fall.

MONTGOMERY, who clinched a tense one wicket win over fellow strugglers Pontesbury last week, face another big clash when they head to rock bottom Much Wenlock on Saturday.

Morda wait on appeal

MORDA United are currently in limbo as they await the outcome of an appeal against a decision by the Shropshire FA to prevent them joining the Welsh pyramid.

The Weston Road side had hoped to switch from the Mercian Regional League to play across the border in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League this season.

But the move was blocked by Shropshire FA as the club is based in England, despite neighbours Trefonen playing in the league.

Morda are due to get under way in the Montgomeryshire League on Saturday but have been allowed to start two weeks later by the Welsh FA to sort things out.

FC Oswestry's Graeme Kirkham (right) with TNS keeper Paul Harrison before their pre-seasopn friendly. See P39.

Big weekend for Morda Road men

OSWESTRY are gearing up for a testing Bank Holiday double header as they look to further ease their relegation concerns in the Birmingham Cricket League division one.

The Morda Road men boosted their survival prospects with last weekend's hard-fought five-wicket win at Smethwick to earn a welcome 20 points.

That victory maintained the 26-point gap above second-from-bottom Shifnal, while they are just three points off fifth place in what is becoming an increasingly congested league.

Fourth from bottom, Oswestry have work to do, but know a productive Bank Holiday, in which they travel to fourth placed Bromsgrove on Saturday and entertain in-form county rivals Wellington on Bank Holiday Monday (12 noon), could go a long way to guaranteeing safety.

The border men can take heart from last Saturday's low scoring win at Smethwick, but points promise to be hard-earned this weekend against two sides lying in the upper echelons of the league.

"It's a massive weekend, and we're expecting tough games against two teams who are fourth and second in the league," said Alex Huxley who has taken over the captaincy with Mark Robinson unavailable for three games We don't know that much about Bromsgrove, but they lost last week to Shifnal so it may be a good time to play them.

"Wellington are flying, we know how tough that's going to be, but hopefully we'll get a good crowd to Morda Road on Monday. But we've got a good momentum and a great team atmosphere."

Oswestry are likely to be unchanged, but wicketkeeper Joe Clarke could return to face his former club Wellington on Monday if he is freed from England under-19 duty in time. That would relieve skipper and opening bat Huxley of his duties behind the stumps

The Morda Road side can take plenty of heart following a recent upturn of fortunes that saw them clinch a timely five-wicket win at Smethwick last Saturday. Remarkably, despite their relegation concerns, they are just 34 points off second place.

A team bowlers on brink of drop

LLANYMYNECH A stand on the brink of relegation from the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one after suffering an 8-2 (164-109) loss at title chasing Ceiriog Valley A.

Despite a plucky showing, that saw two 21-18 defeats, Llany could manage just two wins from Dale Pritchard (21-20) and Derek Newnes (21-18), and are now 20 points adrift of safety with just three games remaining.

CHURCH A, pushing for a top six finish, reached the 100-point mark for the season with a fine 8-2 (147-114) home success against WHITTINGTON A.

Ade Humphreys led the charge with a 21-4 success to take the coppers, Brian Canlett also weighing in to 11, while the visitors replied through consistent captain Aled Davies (21-6) and a 21-15 card from John Hughes.

CRIFTINS A, in fourth spot, continued their run of good form with a 7-3 away win at Flexsys A, taking the aggregate by six shots (141-135), with Dave Edwards winning to 12 and Tom Griffiths 21-13.

Elsewhere, leaders Johnstown A stayed seven points clear with a 6-4 (145-134) home win over lowly Corwen A, while Ruabon A thrashed Cynwyd A 10-0 (168-98).

Despite still lying second, WESTON RHYN's promotion push in division two suffered a setback after slipping to a 6-4 home reverse at the hands of YE OLDE CROFTE A.

It was a disappointing night for Rhyn who suffered their first home loss, John Renwick (21-13) their best winner. But his efforts were outweighed by Bryan Parry (21-8) and Gareth Parry (21-12) as Crofte took the aggregate by 12 (153-141) after the sides had finished 4-4.

BLACK LION remain rooted to the foot of the table after their 10-0 (168-113) hammering at CRIFTINS B whose Dave Poole and Andrew Miner were good single figure winners.

CHAMPS TNS ALL SET TO GO AGAIN

AFTER their midweek cup success, The New Saints now set their sights on making a winning start to the defence of their Welsh Premier crown against arch rivals Bangor City at Park Hall on Friday night (7.45pm).

The two foes, both dominant forces in the Welsh Premier over the years, lock horns in the league curtain raiser as the Saints chase a fourth successive league crown, and ninth in total.

by John Bridgwater

Bangor themselves are no strangers to success, having lifted the title three times themselves while having bagged an abundance of domestic silverware, including three successive Welsh Cups from 2008-10.

So boss Craig Harrison knows his TNS side will need to be on their mettle as they embark on a busy Bank Holiday which also sees a trip to Aberystwyth Town on Monday – their third game in six days.

They avoided any shocks on Tuesday night after seeing off Cymru Alliance side Porthmadog 2-0 to reach the last 16 of the Word Cup.

"Porthmadog had a go, made a game of it, but our keeper Chris Mullock only had one save to make during the game, while we missed three or four good chances," said Harrison.

"We made changes as we wanted to give some of the lads who had not played that much more minutes on the pitch, but it was still a strong team we put out.

"We've got 22 players, two players for every position, which is a great position to be in with the number of games coming up. We've got plenty of options."

He added: "I'm now looking forward to starting the league and it will be great to start against a team like Bangor City. We won't need any motivating for this one.

"Every team goes into the new season with optimism, we know it's going to be difficult as there are a lot of strong teams, but we have a squad that is more than good enough to retain the league, as the players have proven season upon season."

Winger Jamie Mullan is likely to miss about a month after undergoing a double hernia operation, but new signing Adrian Cieslewicz, the former Manchester City and Wrexham man, is waiting in the wings.

■ The Saints sealed their place in the second round of the Word Cup after overcoming plucky Cymru Alliance side Porthmadog 2-0 at the Traeth.

After holding the upper hand in the first half, Alex Darlington's fine strike from outside the box on 38 minutes, which found the net via the post, separated the sides at the interval.

The Saints started the second period strongly, Mike Wilde going close, before doubling their lead on 55 minutes when defender Steve Evans powered a header into the net from a Ryan Edwards cross.

Although Port's challenge faded further after having Gwydion Ifan sent off two minutes later for a second yellow card, they battled hard with sub Josh Hartrick bringing a save from Chris Mullock.

But TNS, five times winners of the competition, kept a tight rein for most part to comfortably progress to the last 16.

■ Four Crosses boss Nick Popyk admits his side need to cut out the mistakes after starting their Spar Mid Wales League division one campaign on a losing note.

With Nathan Richards and Mark Lunt both making their competitive debuts for the club, Crosses gave last season's runners-up Llanfair United a run for their money before being edged out 3-2 at Foxen Manor.

"I felt we deserved at least a draw but in the end it was our own mistakes that lost us the game in the first half," said Popyk. "We need to ensure we learn from those and move on with the positives we can take from the game."

Helen's a smash hit with Henman

Oswestry player at Wimbledon

SHROPSHIRE teenager Helen Roberts took the road to Wimbledon – and the chance to star in front of former British No.1 Tim Henman at the All England Club.

Helen took part in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 and Under Challenge Finals.

The 14-year-old, a pupil at The Marches School in Oswestry, booked herself a spot at SW19 after competing in her county finals and won two group matches before being knocked out in the first round of the girls main draw.

Some 20,000 promising young tennis players from all over Britain competed in pursuit of a prestigious place at Wimbledon with Roberts among the top 144 boys and girls to have earned the right to play at the national finals.

Roberts admitted her outing was certainly the highlight of her summe, adding: "It was a fantastic experience and it is really cool to say you have played on the same courts as the greats have played on.

Roberts, who attends Oswestry Team Tennis, even got the chance to meet HSBC tournament ambassador Henman during her time at Wimbledon.

■ The HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 & Under Challenge is the UK's largest national junior grass court tournament and forms part of HSBC's investment in the stars of the future – www.hsbcroadtowimbledon.com

Helen Roberts, from Oswestry, with former British No.1 Tim Henman at Wimbledon

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